

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 4576, DOD Appropriations for FY 2001.

House Committees ordered reported 13 sundry measures, including the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4607–S4719*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2685–2692, S. Res. 317–318, and S. Con. Res. 120. **Page S4669**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Opera:** Senate passed H.R. 4542, to designate the Washington Opera in Washington, D.C., as the National Opera, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S4717–18**

**Honoring U.S.S. Thresher Casualties:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 318, honoring the 129 sailors and civilians lost aboard the U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593) on April 10, 1963; extending the gratitude of the Nation for their last, full measure of devotion; and acknowledging the contributions of the Naval Submarine Service and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to the defense of this Nation. **Page S4718**

**Organ Procurement Organization Certification Act:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 2625, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise the performance standards and certification process for organ procurement organizations, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S4718–19**

**National Defense Authorization:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2549, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S4607–35, S4637–61**

#### Adopted:

By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 117), Warner further Modified Amendment No. 3173, to extend eligibility for medical care under CHAMPUS and TRICARE to persons over age 64. **Pages S4607, S4627, S4631**

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 119), Warner Amendment No. 3184 (to Amendment No. 3183), to provide for correction of scope of waiver authority for limitation on retirement or dismantlement of strategic nuclear delivery systems, and authority to waive limitation. **Pages S4607–20, S4633**

Kerrey Amendment No. 3183, to repeal a limitation on retirement or dismantlement of strategic nuclear delivery systems in excess of military requirements. **Pages S4607–20, S4633**

Reid Amendment No. 3198, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive military retired pay concurrently with veterans' disability compensation. **Pages S4634–35**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3211, to express the sense of Congress condemning the use of children as soldiers in current foreign armed conflicts and expressing the belief that the United States should support and, where possible, lead efforts to end this abuse of human rights. **Pages S4650–51**

#### Rejected:

By 35 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 120), McCain/Levin Amendment No. 3197, to authorize additional rounds of base closures and realignments under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 in 2003 and 2005. **Pages S4638–49**

#### Pending:

Smith (of NH) Amendment No. 3210, to prohibit granting security clearances to felons. **Pages S4651–60**

McCain Amendment No. 3214 (to Amendment No. 3210), to require the disclosure of expenditures and contributions by certain political organizations.

**Pages S4656–60**

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

A point of order was made that Johnson Amendment No. 3191, to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services, was in violation of Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act and, by 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 118), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the aforementioned section with respect to consideration of the amendment. Subsequently, the point of order was sustained and the amendment thus fell.

**Pages S4620–33**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and a certain amendment to be proposed thereto, on Thursday, June 8, 2000.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the McCain Amendment No. 3214 (to Amendment No. 3210), listed above, on Thursday, June 8, 2000, with a vote to occur thereon.

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#### **Appointment:**

*First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board:* The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–389, announced the appointment of Robert R. Ferguson III of North Carolina to serve as a member of the First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board.

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**Messages From the House:** **Pages S4667–68**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S4665–67**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S4717**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—120) **Pages S4631–33, S4649**

**Recess:** Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and recessed at 8:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 8, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the

Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4719.)

## *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1474, providing conveyance of the Palmetto Bend project to the State of Texas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1612, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation project property to certain irrigation and reclamation districts in the State of Nebraska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1894, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1950, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 to ensure the orderly development of coal, coalbed methane, natural gas, and oil in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming and Montana, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 729, to ensure that Congress and the public have the right to participate in the declaration of national monuments on federal land;

S. 2239, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan River basins, with an amendment;

S. 1438, to establish the National Law Enforcement Museum on Federal land in the District of Columbia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2879, to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2343, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act for the purposes of establishing a national historic lighthouse preservation program, with amendments;

S. 2352, to designate portions of the Wekiva River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1749, to designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;