

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Bankruptcy Reform.

The House passed H.J. Res. 36, proposing a Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit the Desecration of the Flag.

The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass S. 360, to honor Paul D. Coverdell—clearing the measure for the President and agree to H. Res. 195, commending U.S. military and defense contractor personnel for a successful Missile Defense Interceptor Test.

House Committee ordered reported the following appropriation bills for fiscal year 2002: VA, HUD and Independent Agencies and the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7721–S7829*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1184–1189, S. Res. 135, and S. Con. Res. 60. **Page S7805**

#### Measures Passed:

**Bankruptcy Reform:** By 82 yeas to 16 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 236), Senate passed H.R. 333, to amend title 11, United States Code, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7721–35, S7737–39, S7741–89**

Adopted:

Leahy/Hatch/Grassley Amendment No. 974, in the nature of a substitute.

**Pages S7721–35, S7737–39, S7741–42**

By 52 yeas to 46 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 235), Wellstone Amendment No. 977 (to Amendment No. 974), to require the General Accounting Office to conduct a study of the effects of the Act on bankruptcy filings.

**Pages S7737–39, S7741–42**

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

By 88 yeas to 10 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 234), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on Amendment No. 974 (listed above) to the bill. **Pages S7734–35**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Leahy, Kennedy, Biden, Kohl, Feingold, Schumer, Durbin, Hatch, Grassley, Kyl, DeWine, Sessions, and McConnell.

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**Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2311, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7739–41, S7789–96**

Adopted:

Stabenow Modified Amendment No. 987, to set aside funds to conduct a study on the effects of oil and gas drilling in the Great Lakes.

**Pages S7739–41, S7790**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, July 18, 2001.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report on the National Emergency with Respect to Sierra Leone; to the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–35)

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

Jo Anne Barnhart, of Delaware, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2007.

Daniel R. Coats, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Marie T. Huhtala, of California, to be Ambassador to Malaysia.

John A. Gauss, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology).

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—236) Pages S7734–35, S7742

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 18, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7829.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FEDERAL FARM BILL

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the proposed federal farm bill, focusing on cotton, wheat, rice, sugar, and peanut related provisions, after receiving testimony from James Echols, Hohenberg Brothers Company, Memphis, Tennessee, on behalf of the National Cotton Council of America; Dusty Tallman, Brandon, Colorado, on behalf of the National Association of Wheat Growers; John Denison, Rice Foundation, Iowa, Louisiana, on behalf of the United States Rice Producers' Group and the United States Rice Producers Association; Jack Roney, American Sugar Alliance, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the United States Sugar Industry; Art Jaeger, Consumer

Federation of America, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Coalition for Sugar Reform; and Armond Morris, Georgia Peanut Commission, Ocilla, on behalf of a coalition of state peanut organizations; Wilbur Gamble, Dawson, Georgia, on behalf of the National Peanut Growers Group; and Evans J. Plowden, Jr., Albany, Georgia, on behalf of the American Peanut Shellers Association.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

### AUTHORIZATION—BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on ballistic missile defense policies and programs, receiving testimony from Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense; and Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

Hearings continue on Thursday, July 19.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ellen G. Engleman, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Research and Special Programs Administration, Allan Rutter, of Texas, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, both of the Department of Transportation, and Samuel W. Bodman, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Aviation:* Senators Rockefeller (Chairman), Hollings, Inouye, Breaux, Dorgan, Wyden, Cleland, Edwards, Carnahan, Bill Nelson, Hutchison (Ranking Member), Stevens, Burns, Lott, Snowe, Brownback, Gordon Smith, Fitzgerald, and Ensign.

*Subcommittee on Communications:* Senators Inouye (Chairman), Hollings, Kerry, Breaux, Rockefeller, Dorgan, Wyden, Cleland, Boxer, Edwards, Carnahan, Burns (Ranking Member), Stevens, Lott, Hutchison, Snowe, Brownback, Gordon Smith, Fitzgerald, Ensign, and Allen.