

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3061, Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2506, Foreign Operations Appropriations.

The House passed H.R. 3529, Economic Security and Worker Assistance Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13647–S13772

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1848–1859, and S. Res. 193. **Pages S13700–01**

Measures Reported:

S. 415, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require that air carriers meet public convenience and necessity requirements by ensuring competitive access by commercial air carriers to major cities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–130) **Page S13700**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Senate Leave Without Pay Status: Senate agreed to S. Res. 193, authorizing certain employees of the Senate who perform service in the uniformed services to be placed in a leave without pay status. **Page S13772**

Federal Farm Bill: Senate continued consideration of S. 1731, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13647–61**

Rejected:

Hutchinson Amendment No. 2678 (to Amendment No. 2471), in the nature of a substitute. (By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 376), Senate tabled the amendment). **Pages S13649–56**

Pending:

Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S13647–61**

Wellstone Amendment No. 2602 (to Amendment No. 2471), to insert in the environmental quality incentives program provisions relating to confined livestock feeding operations and to a payment limitation. **Page S13647**

Harkin Modified Amendment No. 2604 (to Amendment No. 2471), to apply the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to livestock production contracts and to provide parties to the contract the right to discuss the contract with certain individuals. **Page S13647**

Burns Amendment No. 2607 (to Amendment No. 2471), to establish a per-farm limitation on land enrolled in the conservation reserve program. **Page S13647**

Burns Amendment No. 2608 (to Amendment No. 2471), to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish certain per-acre values for payments for different categories of land enrolled in the conservation reserve program. **Pages S13647**

Daschle motion to reconsider the vote (Vote No. 377) by which the second motion to invoke cloture on Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471 (listed above) was not agreed to. **Page S13658**

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

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 377), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to the motion to close further debate on Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471, listed above. **Page S13658**

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Conference Report-Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 20, 2001, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S13678**

Foreign Operations Appropriations Conference Report-Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, after consultation between the Majority and Republican Leaders. **Page S13678**

Treaties Approved: The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Treaty with Russia on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, with three conditions (Treaty Doc. 106-22). **Page S13771**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Aeronautics and Space Activities for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM-62) **Page S13698**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John M. Rogers, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Timothy C. Stanceu, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—377) **Page S13656**

Recess: Senate met at 11:30 a.m., and recessed at 8:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13772.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Vickers B. Meadows, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration, and Diane Leneghan Tomb, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Emil H. Frankel, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, Jeffrey Shane, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and Sean O'Keefe, of New York, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Edward Kingman, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget, and Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.