

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report on National Defense Authorization.

House Committees ordered reported 13 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11189–S11275

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1611–1622. **Page S11255**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 383, to establish a national policy of basic consumer fair treatment for airline passengers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–162) **Page S11255**

VA–HUD Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and the Senate began consideration of the bill, after striking all after page 2, line 9 over to and including page 95, line 3, and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1596, Senate companion measure, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S11201–29, S11232–37, S11244–51

Adopted:

Bond (for Byrd) Amendment No. 1744, to provide an additional \$600,000,000 for the Veterans Health Administration for medical care and to designate such amount as an emergency requirement.

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Bond Amendment No. 1760, to strike certain provisions that amend the Fair Housing Act.

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Mikulski (for Inouye) Amendment No. 1777, to provide that the amount made available for a special purpose grant under section 107 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to the County of Hawaii for the purpose of an environmental impact statement for the development of a water re-

source system in Kohala, Hawaii, may be used to fund certain water system improvements. **Page S11234**

Bond Amendment No. 1779, to clarify the prohibition on using Federal funds for lobbying or litigation activity. **Page S11244**

Bond (for Snowe) Amendment No. 1780, to express the Sense of the Senate that it should be the goal of the Department of Veterans Affairs to serve all veterans equitably at health care facilities in urban and rural areas. **Page S11245**

Bond (for Fitzgerald/Durbin) Amendment No. 1785, to provide a period of time for consultation and evaluation of any realignment plan for the VISN 12 health care delivery system. **Page S11247**

DeWine Amendment No. 1782, to prohibit the use of funds by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the establishment at any field center of a research capability that would duplicate a research capability that exists at another field center. **Pages S11247–48**

DeWine Amendment No. 1781, to prohibit the use of funds by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the transfer of research aircraft from Glenn Research Center, Ohio, to any other field center. **Page S11248**

Bond Amendment No. 1786, to provide for a General Accounting Office study on Federal Home Loan Bank capital. **Page S11249**

Rejected:

Smith (of NH) Amendment No. 1757, to provide an additional \$209,500,000 for Medical Care for the Veterans Health Administration, an additional \$5,000,000 for the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) program, and an additional \$10,000,000 for grants for construction of State extended care facilities for veterans, and to provide an offsetting reduction of \$224,500,000 in amounts available for the AmeriCorps program. (By 61 yeas

to 38 nays (Vote No. 286), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Reed Amendment No. 1778, to increase funding for lead hazard control.

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

By 36 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 285), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to the consideration of Wellstone Amendment No. 1747, to increase the amount appropriated for the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs by \$1,300,000,000. Subsequently, a point of order against the amendment pursuant to section 302(F) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for amendments to be proposed to the bill.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, September 23, 1999.

National Defense Authorization—Conference Report: By 93 yeas to 5 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 284), Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

Pages S11189–S11201

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gregory A. Baer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Mary Carlin Yates, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi.

Joel A. Pisano, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

James M. Lyons, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

Allen R. Snyder, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—286) Pages S11201, S11226–27

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 7:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 23, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11274.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

VIEQUES TRAINING RANGE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support held hearings on the national security requirements for continued training operations at the Vieques Training Range in Puerto Rico, and the importance this training site has to the readiness of the U.S. Second Fleet, and the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Atlantic, receiving testimony from Vice Adm. William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, United States Second Fleet; and Lt. Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Commander, United States Marine Forces Atlantic.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 710, to authorize the feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail, with amendments;

S. 905, to establish the Lackawanna Valley American Heritage Area, with amendments;

S. 1117, to establish the Corinth Unit of Shiloh National Military Park, in the vicinity of the city of Corinth, Mississippi, and in the State of Tennessee, with amendments;

S. 1324, to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include Wills House;

S. 1051, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to manage the Strategic Petroleum Reserve more effectively, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1030, to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal