Thursday, November 18, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

- Senate and House passed Continuing Appropriations H.J. Res. 82 and H.J. Res. 83
- House passed H.J. Res. 82, H.J. Res. 83, and H.J. Res. 84, Making Further Continuing Appropriations
- House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 3194, District of Columbia Appropriations Act
- House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 1180, Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act
- House agreed to H. Con. Res. 235, providing for the adjournment of the House and Senate

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14751-S14838

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1955-1970, S. Res. 233, and S. Con. Res. 76. Pages S14805-06

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
  - 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.

Measures Passed:


  - Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 235, providing for a conditional sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

  - Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 82, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

  - By 56 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 370), Byrd/McConnell Amendment No. 2780, to provide for the disposal of excess spoil and coal mine waste.

  - By 88 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 371), Lott (for Helms/Edwards) Amendment No. 2781, to provide for agricultural disaster relief and emergency assistance in North Carolina.

  - District of Columbia Appropriations Conference Report: By 80 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 369), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the consideration of the conference report to H.R. 3194, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

  - A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Saturday, November 20, 1999, at 1:01 a.m.

  - Loan Guarantee Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that no later than March 30, 2000, if no Senate committee has reported a bill limited to providing loan guarantees to establish local television service to rural areas by satellite and other means, that the leadership or their designees be recognized to introduce a bill limited to sections 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2006 of the conference report accompanying H.R. 1554 providing such loan guarantees, and that the Senate immediately begin consideration of the bill with relevant
first degree amendments in order and second degree amendments that are relevant to the first degree amendment they propose to amend. Further, that if legislation is reported that is limited to such loan guarantees it be considered on, or before March 30, and be open to relevant amendments as provided above, and further that upon the disposition of all amendments, the bill be read a third time and passed, with no intervening action. Pages S14795–96

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

Transmitting the report of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal year 1998; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–77). Page S14803

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action


Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1095, to require the United States to take action to provide bilateral debt relief, and improve the provision of multilateral debt relief, in order to give a fresh start to poor countries, amended (H. Rept. 106–483, Pt. 1);

H.R. 728, to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide cost share assistance for the rehabilitation of structural measures constructed as part of water resource projects previously funded by the Secretary under such Act or related laws, amended (H. Rept. 106–484, Pt. 1); and


Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H12730

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Douglas Tanner of Washington, D.C. Page H12730

Communications:

Statements on Introduced Bills:

Additional Cosponsors:

Amendments Submitted:

Additional Statements:

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—371) Pages S14798–99, S14802–03

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 10:44 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., on Friday, November 19, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14837.)

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Obey motion to adjourn by yeas and nays vote of 14 yeas to 375 nays, Roll No. 598. Pages H12730–31

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Kind motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 25 ayes to 395 noes, Roll No. 603. Pages H12737–38

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Obey motion to adjourn by yeas and nay vote of 24 yeas to 378 nays, Roll No. 604. Pages H12738–39

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Obey motion to adjourn by yeas and nay vote of 24 yeas to 379 nays, Roll No. 605. Pages H12740–41

Member Sworn: Representative-elect Joe Baca of California presented himself in the well and was administered the oath of office by the Speaker. Pages H12739–40

Further Continuing Appropriations: The House passed H.J. Res. 82, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 by a recorded vote of 403 ayes to 16 noes, Roll No. 607. Pages H12741–46

Rejected the Obey motion to reconsider the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations by yeas and nay vote of 1 yea to 420 nays, Roll No. 606. Agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by voice vote. Pages H12744–45

H. Res. 385, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to by a recorded vote of 352 ayes to 63 noes, Roll No. 601.
Agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 294 ayes to 123 noes, Roll No. 602.  

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Agreed to order the previous question on the rule by yeas and nay vote of 375 ayes to 45 nays, Roll No. 609, and then agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a yeas and nay vote of 316 yeas to 101 nays, Roll No. 600.  

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Consolidated Appropriations Act: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3194, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yeas and nay vote of 212 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 610.  

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Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the conference report to the Committee on conference with instructions that the House managers not agree to any provisions which would reduce or rescind appropriations for Veterans Medical Care by yeas and nay vote of 212 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 609.  

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H. Res. 386, the rule that provided for consideration of the conference report was agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 226 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 608.  

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Agreed to the Linder amendment that provides that the conference report shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled and the previous question shall be considered as ordered to final adoption without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.  

Pursuant to the rule, after adoption of the conference report, H. Con. Res. 234 was considered as adopted. And, pursuant to that concurrent resolution, the enrolled copy of H.R. 2466, Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations, FY 2000 was not presented to the President and was laid on the table.  

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The House passed S. 28, to authorize an interpretive center and related visitor facilities within the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park—clearing the measure for the President.  

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Establishing National Historical Sites in Ohio: The House passed S. 548, to establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historical Site in the State of Ohio—clearing the measure for the President.  

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Coastal Barrier Resources System Map Corrections: H.R. 34, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System.  

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Corrections to the Cape Henlopen State Park Boundary: The House passed S. 574, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a
map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System—clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System: The House passed S. 1866, to redesignate the Coastal Barrier Resources System as the "John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System"—clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Foster Care Independence Act: The House passed H.R. 3443, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency.

(See next issue.)

Healthcare Research and Quality Act: The House passed S. 580, to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Agency for Healthcare Policy and Research—clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Women's Business Center Program: The House passed S. 791, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the women's business center program—clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Correcting Enrollment: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 236, providing for the correction of the enrollment of H.R. 1180.

(See next issue.)

Designating the Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Courthouse: The House passed S. 1595, to designate the United States courthouse at 401 West Washington Street in Phoenix, Arizona, as the "Sandra Day O'Connor United States Courthouse"—clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)

Designating the Robert C. Weaver Federal Building: The House passed S. 67, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "Robert C. Weaver Federal Building"—clearing the measure for the President.

(See next issue.)


(See next issue.)

Continued Reporting of Intercepted Wire, Oral, and Electronic Communications Act: The House passed S. 1769, to continue reporting requirements of section 2519 of title 18, United States Code, beyond December 21, 1999. Agreed to the Coble amendment in the nature of a substitute. Agreed to amend the title.

(See next issue.)


(See next issue.)

Condemning Hate Crimes in Illinois and Indiana: The House agreed to H. Res. 254, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives condemning recent hate crimes in Illinois and Indiana.

(See next issue.)

China's Persecution of Falun Gong: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 218, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should stop its persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. Agreed to the Gilman en bloc amendments.

(See next issue.)

Designating the Merlin Malcolm Dymally Post Office: The House passed H.R. 642, to redesignate the Federal building located at 701 South Santa Fe Avenue in Compton, California, and known as the Compton Main Post Office, as the "Mervyn Malcolm Dymally Post Office Building".

(See next issue.)

National Children's Memorial Day: The House passed H. Res. 376, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that the United States Army Corps of Engineers perform contract oversight of Fund financed remedial actions under that Act. Agreed to the Ose amendment.

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Meeting Hour—Friday, November 19: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19, 1999.

(See next issue.)

Late Report: Committee on Government Reform received permission to have until midnight on Dec. 10, 1999 to file an investigative report.

(See next issue.)

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Read a letter from the Chairman wherein he transmitted copies of resolutions approved on Nov. 10, by the Committee—referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

(See next issue.)

Sine Die Adjournment: Agreed to H. Con. Res. 235, providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

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Convening Date of the Second Session: The House passed H.J. Res. 85, appointing the day for the convening of the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

(See next issue.)

Committee to Inform the President: H. Res. 395, appointing Members to join a similar committee appointed by the Senate to inform the President that the two Houses have completed their business of the
session and are ready to adjourn. Subsequently, appointed Representatives Armey and Gephardt to the Committee.  

Extensions of Remarks: Agreed that members may have until publication of the last edition of the Congressional Record authorized for the First Session by the Joint Committee on Printing to revise and extend their remarks and to include brief, related extraneous material on any matter occurring before the adjournment of the First Session Sine Die.  

Resignations—Appointments: Agreed that until the day the House convenes for the Second Session of the 106th Congress, and notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and make appointments.  

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella and in her absence Representative to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through the end of the First Session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress.  

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages (See next issue.)  

Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine yea and nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H12730-31, H12735, H12735-36, H12736-37, H12737, H12737-38, H12738-39, H12740-41, H12744-45, H12745-46, H12756 (continued next issue). There were no quorum calls.  

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:00 p.m.  

Committee Meetings  

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1999

Senate  
No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House  
No committee meetings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Friday, November 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will consider any cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation measures.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 p.m., Friday, November 19

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Pro forma session.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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- Baker, Richard H., La., E2435
- Baldwin, Tammy, Wisc., E2446
- Burton, Dan, Ind., E2450
- Doyle, Michael F., Pa., E2453
- Eshoo, Anna G., Calif., E2485
- Frost, Martin, Tex., E2442
- Gilman, Benjamin A., N.Y., E2448
- Gordon, Bart, Tenn., E2443
- Green, Gene, Tex., E2449
- Hall, Ralph M., Tex., E2435, E2436, E2444
- Hilliard, Earl F., Ala., E2430, E2443
- Hoyer, Steny H., Md., E2450
- Jackson-Lee, Sheila, Tex., E2435, E2436, E2443
- King, Peter T., N.Y., E2453
- Kucinich, Dennis J., Ohio, E2436, E2443
- Lewis, Jerry, Calif., E2450
- Lipinsky, William O., Ill., E2438
- Lowey, Nita M., N.Y., E2445
- Mclnnis, Scott, Colo., E2435
- Maloney, Carolyn B., N.Y., E2452
- Miller, George, Calif., E2447
- Nadler, Jerrold, N.Y., E2437
- Norton, Eleanor Holmes, D.C., E2438, E2442
- Ortiz, Solomon P., Tex., E2452
- Ose, Doug, Calif., E2454, E2455
- Pallone, Frank, Jr., N.J., E2449
- Portman, Rob, Ohio, E2441
- Scott, Robert C., Va., E2451
- Shows, Ronnie, Miss., E2437
- Stenholm, Charles W., Tex., E2437, E2439
- Visclosky, Peter J., Ind., E2445
- Watkins, Wes, Okla., E2444
- Weiner, Anthony D., N.Y., E2447

(House proceedings for today will be continued in the next issue of the Record.)