

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations.

Senate agreed to the Conference Report on Military Construction Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6185–S6299

Measures Introduced: Five bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2834–2838, S. Res. 332–333, and S. Con. Res. 126–129. **Page S6257**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1755, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to regulate interstate commerce in the use of mobile telephones, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–326)

S. 2102, to provide to the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe a permanent land base within its aboriginal homeland, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–327)

H.R. 3646, for the relief of certain Persian Gulf evacuees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Con. Res. 113, expressing the sense of the Congress in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the free and fair elections in Burma and the urgent need to improve the democratic and human rights of the people of Burma, with an amendment.

S. Con. Res. 124, expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to Iraq's failure to release prisoners of war from Kuwait and nine other nations in violation of international agreements.

S. Con. Res. 126, expressing the sense of Congress that the President should support free and fair elections and respect for democracy in Haiti, with a preamble. **Page S6256**

Measures Passed:

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations: By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote 171), Senate passed H.R. 4577, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Helms Amendment No. 3697, to prohibit the expenditure of certain appropriated funds for the dis-

tribution or provision of, or the provision of a prescription for, postcoital emergency contraception. (By 41 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 169), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S6186–87**

Specter (for Collins/Reed) Amendment No. 3700, to provide grants to develop and expand substance abuse services programs for homeless individuals.

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Harkin (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 3701, to provide funds for the Web-Based Education Commission. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Specter (for Collins) Amendment No. 3702, to provide funds for the purchase of automated external defibrillators and the training of individuals in basic cardiac life support. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Specter (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 3703, to make available certain funds for activities regarding medication management, screening, and education to prevent incorrect medication and adverse drug reactions in older Americans. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Specter Amendment No. 3704, to provide that none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used to withhold substance abuse funding pursuant to section 1926 from a territory that receives less than \$1,000,000. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Graham) Amendment No. 3705, to provide for the conduct of a study and report on unreimbursed health care provided to foreign nationals. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3706, to ensure that those students at risk of dropping out of school receive appropriate attention and to ensure that all students are given the support necessary to graduate from high school. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Reid) Amendment No. 3707, to revise the purpose of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development relating to gynecologic health. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3708, to increase funding for children's asthma programs administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3709, to increase funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide for the adequate funding of State and local immunization infrastructure and operations activities. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Specter (for Smith (of N.H.)) Amendment No. 3710, to require that contracts for the case of research, NIH chimpanzees be awarded to contractors that comply with the Animal Welfare Act. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Dodd) Amendment No. 3711, to provide an additional \$800,000 for technology and media services and to provide an offset. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Specter Amendment No. 3712, to provide funds for Impact Aid basic support payments and to provide an offset. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Specter (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3713, to provide grants to states for high schools to improve academic performance and provide technical skills training and grants to elementary and secondary schools to provide physical education and improve physical fitness. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Specter (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3714, to provide grants to states and local government for early childhood learning for young children. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3715, to increase funding for the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin Amendment No. 3716, to increase the amount of funds made available for activities that improve the quality of infant and toddler child care. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Specter (for DeWine) Amendment No. 3717, to increase funding to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Schumer) Amendment No. 3718, to increase funds for the National Program of Cancer Registries. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Dodd) Amendment No. 3719, to protect the rights of residents of certain health care facilities. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Specter (for Enzi) Amendment No. 3720, to provide funding for certain activities of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration with respect to all employers. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3721, to express the sense of the Senate that the Health Care Financing Administration should consider current systems that provide better, more cost-effective emergency transport before promulgating any final rule regarding the delivery of emergency medical services. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 3722, to provide additional funds for the Perkin's loan cancellation program, with an offset. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 3723, to provide for a study evaluating the extent to which funds made available under part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 are targeted to schools and local educational agencies with the greatest concentrations of school-age children from low-income families. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3724, to provide assistance to Tribal Colleges or Universities for construction and renovation projects under section 316 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, with an offset. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Baucus) Amendment No. 3725, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the impacts of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3726, to state the sense of the Senate regarding funds for programs for early detection and treatment regarding childhood lead poisoning at sites providing Early Head Start programs. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3727, to allocate appropriated funds for programs for early detection and treatment regarding childhood lead poisoning at sites providing Early Head Start programs. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Specter (for Smith (of N.H.)) Amendment No. 3728, to provide for a study into sexual abuse in schools. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Baucus) Amendment No. 3729, to provide increased funding for school construction under the Impact Aid program, with an offset. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 3730, to increase funding for adoption incentives. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Harkin (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3731, to make available \$50,000,000 to enable the Secretary of Education to award grants to develop, implement and strengthen programs to teach American history (not social studies) as a separate subject within school curricula. **Pages S6188–S6203**

Rejected:

Wellstone Amendment No. 3698, to provide for a limitation on the use of funds for certain agreements involving the conveyance of licensing of a drug. (By 56 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 168), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S6186**

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

By 40 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 170), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Harkin Amendment No. 3699, to fully fund the programs of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of provisions of the Congressional

Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6187-88**

Senate sustained a point of order against section 515 of the bill, as amended, as being in violation of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, since it would cause fiscal year 2000 budget authority and outlay to exceed the spending aggregates of the budget resolution, and section 515 was thus stricken from the bill. **Page S6204**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees: Senators Specter, Cochran, Gorton, Gregg, Craig, Hutchison, Stevens, Kyl, Domenici, Harkin, Hollings, Inouye, Reid, Kohl, Murray, Feinstein and Byrd.

U.S. History Education: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 129, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance and value of education in United States history. **Pages S6260-61, S6293**

Electric Reliability 2000 Act: Senate passed S. 2071, to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6293-95**

Measure Indefinitely Postponed:

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 2553, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. **Page S6293**

National Defense Authorization: Senate resumed 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 S6287-91**

Adopted:

Warner (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 3740, to set aside funds for the industrial mobilization capacity at Army ammunition facilities and arsenals that are government owned, government operated. **Pages S6287-91**

Levin (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 3741, to express the Sense of the Senate on the modernization of Air National Guard F-16A Units. **Pages S6287-91**

Warner Amendment No. 3742 (to Amendment No. 3420 (agreed to by the Senate on June 14, 2000)), to substitute a requirement for a report on the Department of Defense process for decision making in cases of false claims. **Pages S6287-91**

Levin (for Reid) Amendment No. 3624, to provide funds for the Secretary of the Navy to carry out appropriate activities for the greenbelt at Fallon Naval Air Station, Nevada. **Pages S6287-91**

Warner Amendment No. 3743, to modify the authority relating to the information security scholarship program. **Pages S6287-91**

Warner (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3744, to provide for adjustments in the threshold requirement for the submission of a report on exports of computers to Tier III countries. **Pages S6287-91**

Levin Amendment No. 3745, to add \$18,900,000 for Defense-wide procurement for the procurement of probes for aerial refueling of, and for the procurement and integration of internal, auxiliary, 200-gallon fuel tanks for, MH-60 aircraft for the United States Special Operations Command; and to offset that increase by reducing by \$18,900,000 the amount for the Army for other procurement for the family of medium tactical vehicles. **Pages S6287-91**

Warner Amendment No. 3746, to increase the authorization of appropriation for the Army for RDT&E by \$40,000,000 in order to fund the development and execution of the plan for comparing costs and operational effectiveness of medium armored combat vehicles; and to offset that amount by reducing the authorization of appropriation for the Air Force for RDT&E for the extended range cruise missile by \$40,000,000. **Pages S6287-91**

Warner Amendment No. 3747, to provide a two-year extension in the authority to engage in commercial activities as security for intelligence collection activities. **Pages S6287-91**

Warner (for Domenici) Amendment No. 3748, to state the sense of Congress regarding land transfers at Melrose Range, New Mexico, and Yakima Training Center, Washington. **Pages S6287-91**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3749, to provide for the construction of an operations office complex for the National Nuclear Security Administration. **Pages S6287-91**

Warner (for Crapo) Amendment No. 3750, to make available \$400,000 for a conceptual design for a Subsurface Geosciences Laboratory at Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, Idaho Falls, Idaho. **Pages S6287-91**

Warner (for Bennett) Amendment No. 3751, to assist the economic development of the Ute Indian Tribe by authorizing the transfer to the Tribe of Oil Shale Reserve Numbered 2, to protect the Colorado River by providing for the removal of the tailings from the Atlas uranium milling site near Moab, Utah. **Pages S6287-91**

Warner Amendment No. 3752, to add funds for the procurement of the anti-personnel obstacle breaching system and to provide an offset. **Pages S6287-91**

Levin (for Dodd) Amendment No. 3753, to authorize the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance to fire departments and fire prevention organizations for the purpose of protecting the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards. **Pages S6287-91**

Warner Amendment No. 3754, to increase the amount available for close-in weapon system overhauls by \$10,000,000. **Pages S6287–91**

Warner (for Gorton) Amendment No. 3755, to make available, with an offset, \$150,000,000 for additional cleanup activities at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, Richland, Washington. **Pages S6287–91**

Warner (for Kyl) Amendment No. 3756, to increase funds for the national ignition facility (NIF) at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, California. **Pages S6287–91**

Levin (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 3757, relating to breast cancer stamp extension. **Pages S6287–91**

Pending:

Smith (of NH) Amendment No. 3210, to prohibit granting security clearances to felons.

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

Senate vitiated adoption of the following amendments: Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3231, which was agreed to by the Senate on June 8, 2000; and Levin (for Cleland) Amendment No. 3418, which was agreed to by the Senate on June 14, 2000. **Page S6297**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the filing of certain amendments.

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Estate Tax Repeal: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 8, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period. **Pages S6295–97**

A cloture motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill 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 Tuesday, July 11, 2000. **Page S6296**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S6297**

Military Construction Appropriations Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4425, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6225–42**

Interior Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of H.R. 4578, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, on Monday, July 10, 2000. **Page S6297**

Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Thursday, July 5, 2000, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Page S6293**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Inter-American Convention Against Corruption (Treaty Doc. 105-39) (Exec. Rept. No. 106–15) **Page S6256**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Paul C. Huck, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

John W. Darrah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Joan Humphrey Lefkow, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

George Z. Singal, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Roger L. Gregory, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Everett L. Mosely, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Agency for International Development.

Marjory E. Searing, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—171) **Pages S6186–88, S6218**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 125, at 2:44 p.m., until, 1 p.m., on Monday, July 10, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6297.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HUD'S GOVERNMENT INSURED MORTGAGES

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings to examine the adequacy of Department of Housing and Urban Affairs' policies and procedures for overseeing lenders that make mortgage loans insured by