

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Defense Authorization bills.

The House passed H.R. 4811, Foreign Operations Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6585–S6765

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2859–2869, and S. Res. 335. **Pages S6677–78**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: H.R. 208, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow for the contribution of certain rollover distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan, to eliminate certain waiting-period requirements for participating in the Thrift Savings Plan, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–343) **Page S6677**

Measures Passed:

National Defense Authorization: By 97 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 179), Senate passed H.R. 4205, 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, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2549, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6591–98**

Rejected:

Feingold Amendment No. 3759, to terminate production under the D5 submarine-launched ballistic missile program. (By 81 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 177), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S6591**

Durbin Amendment No. 3732, to provide for operationally realistic testing of National Missile Defense systems against countermeasures; and to establish an independent panel to review the testing. (By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 178), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6591–93**

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 Warner, Thurmond, McCain, Smith (of NH), Inhofe, Santorum, Snowe, Roberts, Allard, Hutchinson, Sessions, Levin, Kennedy, Bingaman, Byrd, Robb, Lieberman, Cleland, Landrieu, and Reed. **Page S6598**

Subsequently, S. 2549 was placed back on the Senate calendar. **Page S6598**

Department of Defense Authorization: Senate passed S. 2550, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division A of S. 2549, National Defense Authorization, as amended. **Page S6598**

Military Construction Authorization: Senate passed S. 2551, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military construction, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division B of S. 2549, National Defense Authorization, as amended. **Page S6598**

Department of Energy Defense Activities Authorization: Senate passed S. 2552, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division C of S. 2549, National Defense Authorization, as amended. **Page S6598**

Pursuant to a modified unanimous-consent agreement reached on July 12, 2000, with respect to further consideration of S. 2550, S. 2551, and S. 2552 (all listed above as passed by the Senate), that if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives with regard to any of these bills, that the Senate be deemed to have disagreed to the amendment(s) to the Senate-passed bill, that the Senate request or agree to a conference with the House

thereon, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mexico Democratic Election: Senate agreed to S. Res. 335, congratulating the people of Mexico on the occasion of the democratic elections held in that country.

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Pope John Paul II Congressional Gold Medal Act: Senate passed H.R. 3544, to authorize a gold medal to be presented on behalf of the Congress to Pope John Paul II in recognition of his many and enduring contributions to peace and religious understanding, clearing the measure for the President.

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President Ronald Reagan/Nancy Reagan Gold Medal Act: Senate passed H.R. 3591, to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan in recognition of their service to the Nation, clearing the measure for the President.

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Death Tax Elimination Act: Senate began 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 98 yeas to 1 nays (Vote No. 181), Hatch Amendment No. 3823, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a permanent extension of the credit for increasing research activities.

Pages S6601–13, S6616

By 97 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 185), Roth Amendment No. 3829, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services.

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Grassley Amendment No. 3834, to provide tax relief for farmers.

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By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 188), Grams/Abraham Amendment No. 3836, to repeal the increase in tax on Social Security benefits.

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Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 180), Moynihan Amendment No. 3821, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction.

Pages S6586–91, S6600–10

By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 182), Schumer Amendment No. 3822, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction, to make higher education more af-

fordable, to provide incentives for advanced teacher certification.

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Pending:

Kerry Amendment No. 3839, to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families.

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Santorum Amendment No. 3838, to provide for the designation of renewal communities and to provide tax incentives relating to such communities, to provide a tax credit to taxpayers investing in entities seeking to provide capital to create new markets in low-income communities, and to provide for the establishment of Individual Development Accounts.

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Dodd Amendment No. 3837, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction, to increase, expand, and simplify the child and dependent care tax credit, to expand the adoption credit for special needs children, to provide incentives for employer-provided child care.

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Roth Amendment No. 3841, to provide for pension reform by creating tax incentives for savings.

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Harkin Amendment No. 3840, to protect and provide resources for the Social Security System, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the “motherhood penalty”, increase the widow’s and widower’s benefit and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction.

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Gramm (for Lott) Amendment No. 3842, to provide tax relief by providing modifications to education individual retirement accounts.

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Bayh Amendment No. 3843, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction and provide a long-term care credit.

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Feingold Amendment No. 3844, to preserve budget surplus funds so that they might be available to extend the life of Social Security and Medicare.

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Roth (for Lott) motion to commit to Committee on Finance with instructions to report back forthwith.

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

By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 183), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget

Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Abraham Amendment No. 3827, to provide for a temporary reduction in Federal highway fuel taxes on gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene, and special fuels to zero. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 311(a)(2)(b) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6617–27**

By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 184), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Bingaman Amendment No. 3828, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction and expand education initiatives. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6627–31, S6642**

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 186), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Graham Amendment No. 3824, to provide additional budget resources for a Medicare prescription drug benefit program. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6633–36, S6643**

By 44 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 187), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Baucus/Kerrey Amendment No. 3835, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction, to provide a refundable credit to certain individuals for elective deferrals and IRA contributions, and to provide an incentive to small businesses to establish and maintain qualified pension plans, and to amend the Social Security Act to provide each American child with a KidSave Account. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6639–40, S6644**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and pending amendments, on Friday, July 14, 2000, with votes to occur thereon. **Pages S6644–46**

Reconciliation—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of H.R. 4810, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Friday, July 14, 2000, with votes on certain amendments, to occur at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2000. **Page S6645**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Treaty with Cyprus on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 106–35).

Treaty with South Africa on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 106–36).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and were ordered to be printed. **Page S6764**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Judith A. Winston, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Education.

Bonnie Prouty Castrey, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2005.

Arthenia L. Joyner, of Florida, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of one year. (New Position)

John E. McLaughlin, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. **Page S6765**

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Record Votes: Twelve record votes were taken today. (Total—188) **Pages S6591, S6593, S6598, S6609–10, S6616–17, S6627, S6642–44**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 8:31 a.m., and adjourned at 10:34 p.m., until 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 14, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6764.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full committee consideration H.R. 4733, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2107, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission, with an amendment;

S. 2101, to promote international monetary stability and to share seigniorage with officially dollarized countries, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2266, to provide for the minting of commemorative coins to support the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games and the programs of the United States Olympic Committee, with an amendment;

S. 2453, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Pope John Paul II in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to humanity; and

S. 2459, to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan in recognition of their service to the Nation.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1925, to promote environmental restoration around the Lake Tahoe basin, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2499, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Pennsylvania;

H.R. 992, to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District, with an amendment;

S. 2048, to establish the San Rafael Western Legacy District in the State of Utah, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2069, to permit the conveyance of certain land in Powell, Wyoming;

S. 2300, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for coal that may be held by an entity in any 1 State;

H.R. 1695, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal public lands in the Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to Clark County, Nevada, for the development of an airport facility, with amendments;

H.R. 468, to establish the Saint Helena Island National Scenic Area, with an amendment;

S. 1972, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the town of Dolores, Colorado, the current site of the Joe Rowell Park, with an amendment;

S. 1643, to authorize the addition of certain parcels to the Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa, with an amendment;

S. 2051, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2279, to authorize the addition of land to Sequoia National Park, with an amendment; and

S. 134, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study whether the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore should be protected as a wilderness area, with an amendment.

GASOLINE SUPPLY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine American gasoline supply and price issues, focusing on crude oil prices, low oil, gas and gasoline inventories, reformulated gasoline required under the Clean Air Act and transportation and supply problems, after receiving testimony from Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; John Cook, Director Petroleum Division, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Richard G. Parker, Director, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission; Lawrence Kumins, Specialist in Energy Policy, Resources, Science, and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Red Cavaney, American Petroleum Institute, Bob Slaughter, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, and W.H. Eric Vaughn, Renewable Fuels Association, all of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 2294, to establish the Rosie the Riveter—World War II Home Front National Historical Park in the State of California, S. 2331, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to recalculate the franchise fee owed by Fort Sumter Tours, Inc., a concessioner providing service to Fort