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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Military Construction, Energy and Water Development, and Legislative Branch Appropriations bills.

Senate passed Work Incentives Improvement Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7039–S7160

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced as follows: S. 1224–1230. **Page S7127**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 342, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–77)

S. 607, reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992. (S. Rept. No. 106–78)

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Measures Passed:

Military Construction Appropriations: By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 168), Senate passed S. 1205, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. **Pages S7039–44, S7061–64**

Work Incentives Improvement Act: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 169), Senate passed S. 331, to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7044–61, S7064–78**

Roth Amendment No. 671, in the nature of substitute. **Pages S7057–58**

Energy and Water Development Appropriations, FY2000: By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 172), Senate passed S. 1186, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending

September 30, 2000, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Domenici Amendment No. 628, of a technical nature. **Pages S7098–99**

Reid (for Levin) Amendment No. 637, to provide funds for development of technologies for control of zebra mussels and other aquatic nuisance species.

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Domenici (for Craig) Amendment No. 638, to provide that the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, may use not to exceed \$300,000 for expenses associated with the commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

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Domenici (for Craig) Amendment No. 639, to make a technical correction providing construction funds for the Site Operations Center at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

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Domenici Amendment No. 661, to clarify usage of Drought Emergency Assistance funds. **Page S7098**

Reid (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 643, to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may provide \$2,865,000 from funds appropriated herein for environmental restoration at Fort Kearny, Nebraska.

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Reid (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 630, to strike the rescission of appropriations for the Hackensack Meadowlands flood control project, New Jersey.

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Domenici (for Santorum) Amendment No. 633, to strike the rescission of appropriations for the Lackawanna River project, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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Reid Amendment No. 672 (to Amendment No. 629), to provide funds for Boston College research in high temperature superconductivity. **Page S7098**

Reid Amendment No. 673 (to Amendment No. 631), to reduce the funding request from \$4,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for the Minnish Waterfront Park project, Passaic River, New Jersey. **Page S7098**

Domenici Amendment No. 674 (to Amendment No. 634), to provide funds for Lake St. Clair, Metro Beach, Michigan, section 206 project. **Page S7098**

Reid Amendment No. 675 (to Amendment No. 642), to strike provisions relating to the results of a single-level appeal of jurisdictional determinations provided for under the Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program administrative appeals process. **Page S7098**

Domenici Amendment No. 676 (to Amendment No. 645), to provide for the use of Construction, General funding as directed in Public Law 105-62 and Public Law 105-245 to initiate construction of an emergency outlet from Devils Lake, North Dakota, to the Sheyenne River. **Page S7098**

Domenici (for Gorton) Amendment No. 677 (to Amendment No. 646), to limit the inclusion of costs of protection of, mitigation of damage to, and enhancement of fish, within rates charged by the Bonneville Power Administration, to the rate period in which the costs are incurred. **Page S7099**

Domenici (for Bond/Ashcroft) Amendment No. 629, to make funds available for the University of Missouri research reactor project. **Page S7098**

Reid (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 631, to provide funding for the Minnish Waterfront Park project, Passaic River, New Jersey. **Page S7098**

Domenici (for Abraham) Amendment No. 634, to provide funding for water quality enhancement. **Page S7098**

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 642, to strike certain provisions relating to the use of certain funds appropriated herein to implement an administrative appeals process for the Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program, which administrative appeals process shall provide for a single-level appeal of jurisdictional determinations, the results of which shall be considered final agency action under the Administrative Procedures Act. **Page S7098**

Domenici (for Gorton) Amendment No. 646, to prohibit the inclusion of costs of breaching or removing a dam that is part of the Federal Columbia River Power System within rates charged by the Bonneville Power Administration. **Pages S7098-99**

Reid (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 645, to make a technical correction with respect to a Corps of Engineers project in the State of North Dakota. **Page S7098**

Reid (for Daschle) Amendment No. 678, to provide for continued funding of wildlife habitat miti-

gation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and State of South Dakota. **Page S7099**

Reid (for Daschle) Amendment No. 679, to provide funds for the Lake Andes-Wagner/Marty II demonstration program. **Page S7099**

Reid Amendment No. 680, to provide funds for the Yellowstone River at Glendive, Montana flood control project. **Page S7099**

Domenici Amendment No. 681, to reduce the amount of funds from \$1,113,227,000 to \$1,086,586,000 which are provided for under Construction, General provisions with regard to river and harbor, flood control, shore protection, and related projects authorized by laws. **Page S7099**

Withdrawn:

Jeffords Amendment No. 648, to increase funding for energy supply, research, and development activities relating to renewable energy sources, with an offset. **Pages S7101-02**

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

By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 171), Senate agreed to a motion to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Jeffords Amendment No. 682, to increase funding for energy supply, research, and development activities relating to renewable energy sources, with an offset, was ruled out of order. **Pages S7107-08**

Subsequently, the decision of the Chair was upheld. **Page S7108**

Legislative Branch Appropriations, FY2000: By 95 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 173), Senate passed H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, after striking certain provisions of the House bill and inserting in lieu thereof certain provisions of S. 1206, Senate companion measure, and after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7117-20**

Bennett (for Dodd) Amendment No. 683, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to modify service requirements relating to creditable service with congressional campaign committees. **Pages S7118-19**

Bennett (for Feingold) Amendment No. 684, to further restrict legislative post-employment lobbying by Members and senior staffers. **Pages S7118-19**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees: Senators Bennett, Stevens, Craig, Cochran, Feinstein, Durbin, and Byrd. **Page S7120**

Subsequently, S. 1206 was indefinitely postponed.

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J.J. "Jake" Pickle Federal Building: Senate passed S. 559, to designate the Federal building located at 33 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the "J.J. 'Jake' Pickle Federal Building".

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Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1259, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms.

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

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 170), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on H.R. 1259 (listed above).

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National Defense Authorization Act: Senate disagreed to the House amendment to 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, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Warner, Thurmond, McCain, Smith (of N.H.), Inhofe, Santorum, Snowe, Roberts, Allard, Hutchinson, Sessions, Levin, Kennedy, Bingaman, Byrd, Robb, Lieberman, Cleland, Landrieu, and Reed.

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Y2K Act—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 775, to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000 (as passed by the Senate on June 15, 1999), requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees: from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Senators McCain, Stevens, Burns, Gorton, Hollings, Kerry, and Wyden; from the Committee on the Judiciary: Senators Hatch, Thurmond, and Leahy; and from the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problems: Senators Bennett and Dodd.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Thomas J. Erickson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures

Trading Commission for the term expiring April 13, 2003.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—173)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:47 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 17, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7160.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on issues relating to prostate cancer research activities, after receiving testimony from Harold E. Varmus, Director, and Richard D. Klausner, Director, National Cancer Institute, both of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; former Senator Dole; Christopher J. Logothetis, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston; Michael Milken, Association for the Cure of Cancer of the Prostate, Santa Monica, California; and Joe Torre, New York Yankees, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 762, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on the inclusion of the Miami Circle in Biscayne National Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;