

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Department of the Interior Appropriations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11277–S11378*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1623–1632, and S.J. Res. 34. Page S11362

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. Res. 99, designating November 20, 1999, as “National Survivors for Prevention of Suicide Day”. Page S11361

#### Measures Passed:

**Department of the Interior Appropriations:** By 89 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 291), Senate passed H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (by unanimous consent, on September 22, 1999, certain provisions of H.R. 2466 were substituted with the text of S. 1596, Senate companion measure), after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S11277–S11347

#### Adopted:

By 51 yeas to 47 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 290), Hutchison Amendment No. 1603, to prohibit the use of funds for the purpose of issuing a notice of rulemaking with respect to the valuation of crude oil for royalty purposes until September 30, 2000. Pages S11277–S11327

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

By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 287), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate, on Monday, September 13, 1999, rejected the motion to close further debate on the Hutchison Amendment No. 1603 (listed above). Pages S11277–78

By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 288), Senate agreed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate, on Monday, September 13, 1999,

rejected the motion to close further debate on the Hutchison Amendment No. 1603 (listed above). Page S11278

By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 289), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the Hutchison Amendment No. 1603 (listed above). Pages S11278–80

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 Gorton, Stevens, Cochran, Domenici, Burns, Bennett, Gregg, Campbell, Byrd, Leahy, Hollings, Reid, Dorgan, Kohl, and Feinstein. Page S11346

**VA–HUD Appropriations:** Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S11347–54

#### Pending:

Wellstone Amendment No. 1789, to express the sense of the Senate that lung cancer, colon cancer, and brain and central nervous system cancer should be presumed to be service-connected disabilities as radiogenic diseases. Pages S11348–50

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the further consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto on Friday, September 24, 1999. Page S11377

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

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a report relative to the National Emergency with Respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–59). Page S11359

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a report entitled "The National Money Laundering Strategy for 1999"; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-60). Page S11359

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Ira Berlin, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Evelyn Edson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Skila Harris, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2005.

Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2008.

Routine lists in the Army and Marine Corps.

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—291) Pages S11278, S11280, S11327, S11329

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 7:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 24, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11377.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Paul W. Fiddick, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Administration, and Andrew C. Fish, of Vermont, to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Congressional Relations, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Fish was introduced by Senators Harkin and Leahy.

### COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT: ELECTRIC TRADING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Commodity Exchange Act, focusing on the impact of electronic trading on the futures and derivatives market place, after receiving testimony from Roger Barton, BrokerTec Global, Jersey City, New Jersey; David P. Brennan, Chicago Board of Trade, Leo Melamed, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, and David G. Downey, InterActive Brokers, all of Chicago, Illinois; Shawn A. Dorsch, DNI Holdings, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; Howard W. Lutnick, Cantor Fitzgerald, Edward J. Rosen, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton, on behalf of the Coalition, and Matthew Andresen, Island ECN, all of New York, New York; and Philip McBride Johnson, Skadden Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 3,086 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill, titled the Export Administration Act of 1999; and

The nominations of Roger W. Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, John D. Hawke, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, Armando Falcon, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Harry J. Bowie, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, and Dan H. Renberg, of Maryland, and Dorian V. Weaver, of Arkansas, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

### ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY Y2K READINESS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on the potential consequences of the year 2000 computer problem to the Nation's supply of electricity, after receiving testimony from T.J. Glauthier, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Frank J. Miraglia, Deputy Executive Director for Reactor Programs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and Michehl R. Gent, North American Electric Reliability Council, Princeton, New Jersey.