

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed VA-HUD Appropriations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11379-S11454*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1633-1641, and S. Res. 185-188. Page S11430

#### Measures Passed:

**VA-HUD Appropriations:** Senate passed 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, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S11379-S11420

#### Adopted:

By 76 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 292), 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 S11379-80

Kerry/Bond Modified Amendment No. 1756, to provide for an increase in assistance for additional public and subsidized housing units for low income families, and to provide for an increase in assistance for housing opportunities for persons with AIDS. Pages S11383-84

Robb Amendment No. 1791, to express the Sense of the Senate that the decline in funding for aeronautics research and development should be reversed. Pages S11402-05

Mikulski (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1792, to improve the regulation of underground storage tanks. Pages S11405-06

Stevens (for Smith of Oregon) Amendment No. 1793, to extend the comment period on the proposed rules related to section 303(d) of the Clean

Water Act from October 22, 1999, for a period of not less than 90 additional calendar days. Pages S11405-06

Mikulski (for Breaux) Amendment No. 1794, to authorize funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act. Pages S11405-06

Stevens (for Chafee) Amendment No. 1795, to restore funding for the Montreal Protocol Fund, with an offset. Pages S11405-06

Stevens (for Gramm) Amendment No. 1796, to provide sufficient fiscal year 2000 funding for the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight to ensure adequate oversight of government sponsored enterprises. Pages S11405-06

Mikulski (for Dodd/Bennett) Amendment No. 1797, to provide assistance for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to carry out a Year 2000 conversion local government emergency grant and loan program for the purpose of providing emergency funds for counties and local governments facing Year 2000 conversion failures. Pages S11405-07

Stevens (for Bond/Lautenberg) Amendment No. 1798, to provide a technical correction to certain provisions relating to the prohibition on funds being used for lobbying. Pages S11405, S11407

Stevens (for Bond) Amendment No. 1799, to prohibit the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from reducing the staffing level at any HUD State or local office. Pages S11405, S11407

Stevens (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 1800, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to submit to the Senate a report on certain matters of concern before promulgating stormwater regulations. Pages S11405, S11407

Stevens (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 1801, to provide that any assistance made available to teachers in purchasing HUD owned housing in economically distressed areas does not discriminate between private and public elementary and secondary school

teachers and thus provides assistance to both on an equal basis. **Pages S11405, S11407**

Stevens (for Craig) Amendment No. 1802, to delay promulgation of regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency requiring the payment of pesticide tolerance fees. **Pages S11405, S11407**

Withdrawn:

Kerry Amendment No. 1761, to provide funding for incremental section 8 vouchers under section 558 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. **Pages S11384–94**

Daschle Amendment No. 1790, to express the sense of the Senate regarding education funding. **Pages S11394–S11402, S11405**

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

By unanimous consent, Senate vitiated the September 22, 1999 adoption of DeWine Amendment No. 1782, to prohibit the use of funds by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the establishment at any field center of a research capability that would duplicate a research capability that exists at another field center. Subsequently, the amendment was withdrawn. **Page S11394**

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 Bond, Burns, Shelby, Craig, Hutchison, Kyl, Stevens, Mikulski, Leahy, Lautenberg, Harkin, Byrd, and Inouye. **Page S11419**

**FAA Authorization:** Senate passed S. 1637, to extend through the end of the current fiscal year certain expiring Federal Aviation Administration authorizations. **Pages S11451–52**

**National Survivors for Prevention of Suicide Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 99, designating November 20, 1999, as “National Survivors for Prevention of Suicide Day”. **Page S11452**

**Education Funding Resolutions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. Res. 186, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of

1965, and S. Res. 187, to express the sense of the Senate regarding education funding, on Monday, September 27, 1999 at 3:30 p.m., with votes on or in relation to the resolutions to begin at 5:30 p.m. **Page S11405**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

1 Department of Defense nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S11451, S11454**

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

A. J. Eggenberger, of Montana, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2003.

Jessie M. Roberson, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2002. **Page S11454**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S11445–51**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—292) **Page S11380**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 2:09 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, September 27, 1999. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S11452.)

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.