

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12147–S12255*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1705–1709, and S. Res. 198–199. **Page S12234**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. Res. 179, designating October 15, 1999, as “National Mammography Day”. **Page S12233**

#### Measures Passed:

**Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations:** By 73 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 321), Senate passed S. 1650, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S12147–76, S12178–85, S12188–S12215**

#### Adopted:

Abraham Amendment No. 2269 (to Amendment No. 1828), to prohibit the use of funds for any program for the distribution of sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug. **Pages S12148–50**

Abraham (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 1828, to prohibit the use of funds for any program for the distribution of sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug. **Pages S12147–50**

By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 318), Wellstone Amendment No. 1842, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of determining the economic status of former recipients of temporary assistance to needy families. **Pages S12155–59, S12172**

Wellstone Amendment No. 1880, to increase funding for the mental health services block grant. **Pages S12183–85**

Wellstone Amendment No. 2271 (to Amendment No. 1880), to increase funding for the mental health services block grant. **Pages S12183–85**

Bingaman/Domenici Amendment No. 2272, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study on the geographic adjustment factors used in determining the amount of payment for physicians’ services under the medicare program. **Page S12189**

Harkin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2273, to provide for confounding biological and physiological influences on polygraphy. **Pages S12193, S12201**

Harkin (for Bingaman/Feingold) Amendment No. 2274, to provide funding for a dental sealant demonstration program. **Pages S12193, S12201**

Specter (for Bond) Amendment No. 2275, to limit the withholding of substance abuse funds from certain States. **Pages S12193–94, S12201**

Harkin (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2276, to express the sense of the Senate that funding for prostate cancer research should be increased substantially. **Pages S12193–94, S12201**

Specter (for DeWine) Amendment No. 2277, to provide for an increase and a decrease in certain education funding. **Pages S12193–94, S12201**

Specter (for Hutchison/Bingaman) Amendment No. 2278, to clarify provisions relating to the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission. **Pages S12193–94, S12201**

Specter Amendment No. 2279, to provide for certain funding increases. **Pages S12193–94, S12201**

Specter Amendment No. 2280, to strike certain provisions of the bill. **Pages S12193–94, S12201**

Specter (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2281, to make available certain funds from the Office on Women’s Health to support biological, chemical and botanical studies to assist in the development of the clinical evaluation of phytomedicines in women’s health. **Pages S12193–94, S12201**

Harkin (for Wyden) Amendment No. 2282, to provide for a report on promoting a legal domestic workforce and improving the compensation and working conditions of agricultural workers. **Pages S12193–94, S12201**

Harkin (for Murray) Amendment No. 2283, to express the sense of the Senate concerning women's access to obstetric and gynecological services.

Pages S12193-96, S12201

Harkin (for Kerry/Smith(OR)) Amendment No. 1882, to express the sense of the Senate regarding comprehensive education reform.

Pages S12193, S12200-01

Harkin (for Reed) Amendment No. 2284, to extend filing deadline for compensation of certain individuals exposed to mustard gas during World War II.

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Specter (for Stevens) Amendment No. 2285, to correct a definition error in the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

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Harkin (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2286, to increase funds for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide grants regarding childhood asthma.

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Harkin (for Reid) Amendment No. 1852, to express the sense of the Senate concerning needlestick injury prevention.

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Harkin (for Inouye) Amendment No. 2287, to rename the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as the Thomas Harkin Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Harkin (for Inouye) Amendment No. 2288, to designate the National Library of Medicine building in Bethesda, Maryland, as the "Arlen Specter National Library of Medicine".

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Harkin Amendment No. 2289, to increase funding for senior nutrition programs and rural community facilities, offset with administrative reductions.

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Harkin (for Reed) Amendment No. 1869, to increase funding for the leveraging educational assistance partnership program.

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Rejected:

Bingaman Amendment No. 1861, to ensure accountability in programs for disadvantaged students. (By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 317), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Smith (of N.H.) Amendment No. 1844, to limit the applicability of the Davis-Bacon Act in areas designated as disaster areas. (By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 320), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Bond Amendment No. 1825, to prohibit the use of funds for the promulgation or issuing of any standard relating to ergonomic protection. (By 2 yeas to 97 nays (Vote No. 319), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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Subsequently, Bond Amendment No. 2270 (to Amendment No. 1825), to prohibit the use of funds

for the promulgation or issuing of any standard, regulation, or guideline relating to ergonomic protection, fell when Amendment No. 1825 was withdrawn.

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Harkin/Robb Amendment No. 1845, to express the sense of the Senate regarding school infrastructure.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the bill not be engrossed and be held at the desk.

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**Greece/Turkey Earthquake Victims:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 198, expressing sympathy for those killed and injured in the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Greece and commending Turkey and Greece for their recent efforts in opening a national dialogue and taking steps to further bilateral relations.

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**National Mammography Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 179, designating October 15, 1999, as "National Mammography Day".

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**Agriculture Appropriations—Conference Report:** By unanimous consent, Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report 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, October 12, 1999, at 5:30 p.m.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Tuesday, October 12, 1999 at 4:30 p.m.

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#### Appointment:

**Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-277, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse: Robert L. Marginnis, of Virginia (two-year term), and June Martin Milam, of Mississippi (Representative of a Non-Profit Organization) (three-year term).

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

John D. Hawke, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Comptroller of the Currency for a term of five years.

Robert Raben, of Florida, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Andrew C. Fish, of Vermont, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Robert S. Mueller, III, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California for a term of four years.

John Hollingsworth Sinclair, of Vermont, to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont for the term of four years.

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**Enrolled Bills Presented:** Page S12232

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—321)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, October 8, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12255.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to review public policy related to agricultural biotechnology, focusing on domestic approval process, benefits of biotechnology and an emphasis on challenges facing farmers to segregation of product, after receiving testimony from Representative Kucinich; Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences; James H. Maryanski, Biotechnology Coordinator, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Sally L. McCammon, Science Advisor, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; Janet L. Andersen, Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency; Mark Silbergeld, Consumers Union, Michael Philips, Biotechnology Industry Organization, Jeffrey Barach, National Food Processors Association, and Gary Kushner, Grocery Manufacturers of America, all of

Washington, D.C.; Tim Hume, Walsh, Colorado, on behalf of the National Corn Growers Association; Marc Curtis, Leland, Mississippi, on behalf of the American Soybean Association; L. Dan Thompson, Minnesota Corn Processors, Marshall, on behalf of the Corn Refiners Association; and Robert Smigelski, The Anderson, Inc., Maumee, Ohio, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association.

### COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (Treaty Doc. 105–28), focusing on the ability of the Stockpile Stewardship Program to adequately verify the safety and reliability of the U.S. nuclear deterrent, after receiving testimony from Bill Richardson, Secretary, C. Paul Robinson, Director, Sandia National Laboratories, C. Bruce Tarter, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and John C. Browne, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, all of the Department of Energy; Robert R. Barker, former Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy; John Foster, former Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and former Director, Defense Research and Engineering; Kathleen C. Bailey, former Assistant Director for Nuclear and Weapons Control, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Adm. Henry G. Chiles, Jr., USN (Ret.), former Commander-in-Chief, United States Strategic Command; and Sidney D. Drell, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Stanford, California.

### BARTLESVILLE LAND CONVEYANCE/ MATERIALS CORRIDOR PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation concluded hearings on S. 1183, to direct the Secretary of Energy to convey to the city of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, the former site of the NIPER facility of the Department of Energy, and S. 397, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish a multiagency program in support of the Materials Corridor Partnership Initiative to promote energy efficient, environmentally sound economic development along the border with Mexico through the research, development, and use of new materials, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Kripowicz, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, and David L. Goldwyn, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, both of the Department of Energy; Pam Dunlap, Bartlesville Area Chamber of Commerce, James Fram, Bartlesville Development Corporation, and Richard Gertsen, City of Bartlesville, all of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Paul C. Maxwell, University of Texas, El Paso; Richard D.