

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1921-1936. **Page S14612**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:  
S. 1928, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a medicare subvention demonstration project for veterans. (S. Rept. No. 106-222).

S. Res. 200, designating the week of February 14-20 as "National Biotechnology Week", with amendments. **Page S14612**

**Bankruptcy Reform Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, agreeing to committee amendments by unanimous consent, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S14605-09**

Adopted:

Leahy Modified Amendment No. 2529, to save United States taxpayers \$24,000,000 by eliminating the blanket mandate relating to the filing of tax returns. **Page S14608**

Grassley (for Thurmond) Modified Amendment No. 2478, to provide for exclusive jurisdiction in Federal court for matters involving bankruptcy professional persons. **Page S14608**

Pending:

Feingold Amendment No. 2522, to provide for the expenses of long term care. **Page S14605**

Hatch/Torricelli Amendment No. 1729, to provide for domestic support obligations. **Page S14605**

Wellstone Amendment No. 2537, to disallow claims of certain insured depository institutions. **Page S14605**

Wellstone Amendment No. 2538, with respect to the disallowance of certain claims and to prohibit certain coercive debt collection practices. **Page S14605**

Feinstein Amendment No. 1696, to limit the amount of credit extended under an open end consumer credit plan to persons under the age of 21. **Page S14605**

Feinstein Amendment No. 2755, to discourage indiscriminate extensions of credit and resulting consumer insolvency. **Page S14605**

Schumer/Durbin Amendment No. 2759, with respect to national standards and homeowner home maintenance costs. **Page S14605**

Schumer/Durbin Amendment No. 2762, to modify the means test relating to safe harbor provisions. **Page S14605**

Schumer Amendment No. 2763, to ensure that debts incurred as a result of clinic violence are non-dischargeable. **Page S14605**

Schumer Amendment No. 2764, to provide for greater accuracy in certain means testing. **Page S14605**

Schumer Amendment No. 2765, to include certain dislocated workers' expenses in the debtor's monthly expenses. **Page S14605**

Dodd Amendment No. 2531, to protect certain education savings. **Page S14605**

Dodd Amendment No. 2753, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide for enhanced information regarding credit card balance payment terms and conditions, and to provide for enhanced reporting of credit card solicitations to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and to Congress. **Page S14605**

Hatch/Dodd/Gregg Amendment No. 2536, to protect certain education savings. **Page S14605**

Feingold Amendment No. 2748, to provide for an exception to a limitation on an automatic stay under section 362(b) of title 11, United States Code, relating to evictions and similar proceedings to provide for the payment of rent that becomes due after the petition of a debtor is filed. **Page S14605**

Schumer/Santorum Amendment No. 2761, to improve disclosure of the annual percentage rate for purchases applicable to credit card accounts. **Page S14605**

Durbin Amendment No. 2659, to modify certain provisions relating to pre-bankruptcy financial counseling. **Page S14605**

Durbin Amendment No. 2661, to establish parameters for presuming that the filing of a case under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code, does not constitute an abuse of that chapter. **Page S14605**

Torricelli Amendment No. 2655, to provide for enhanced consumer credit protection. **Page S14605**

Wellstone Amendment No. 2752, to impose a moratorium on large agribusiness mergers and to establish a commission to review large agriculture mergers, concentration, and market power.

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Moynihan Amendment No. 2663, to make certain improvements to the bill with respect to low-income debtors.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the Moynihan Amendment No. 2663 (listed above), with a vote to occur thereon.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, November 17, 1999.

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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 Deborah C. Ball, of Georgia, to serve as a member of the Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse for a three-year term.

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

Transmitting a periodic report relative to the national emergency with respect to Iran which was declared in Executive Order No. 12170; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–74).

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Transmitting the annual report of the Federal Labor Relations Board for fiscal year 1998; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–75).

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Transmitting the annual report of the Railroad Retirement Board for fiscal year 1998; referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (PM–76).

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

W. Michael McCabe, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Jerome F. Kever, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2003.

Virgil M. Speakman, Jr., of Ohio, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2004.

Janie L. Jeffers, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 17, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14651.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Deanna T. Okun, of Idaho, to be a Member and Commissioner of the United States International Trade Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 41 public bills, H.R. 3373–3413; 3 private bills, H.R. 3414–3416; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 79–81, H. Con. Res. 229–231, and H. Res. 377–381, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2116, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of extended care services for veterans and to make other improvements in health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs (H. Rept. 106–470);