

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Congressional Budget Conference Report.

The House agreed to the conference report on H. Con. Res. 290, Congressional Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2001.

The House passed H.R. 4199, Date Certain Tax Code Replacement Act.

The House passed H.R. 3615, Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act.

The House passed H.R. 3439, Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2647–S2815

Measures Introduced: Thirty-nine bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2416–2454, S.J. Res. 45, S. Res. 291–293, and S. Con. Res. 104–107. **Pages S2727–29**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–271)

S. 1946, to amend the National Environmental Education Act to redesignate that Act as the “John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act”, to establish the John H. Chafee Memorial Fellowship Program, to extend the programs under that Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–272)

S. 311, to authorize the Disabled Veterans’ LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–273)

S. 1452, to modernize the requirements under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards of 1974 and to establish a balanced consensus process for the development, revision, and interpretation of Federal construction and safety standards for manufactured homes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–274)

H.R. 2412, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 South Harrison Street in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as the “E. Ross Adair Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

S. Res. 287, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding U.S. policy toward Libya.

S. Res. 289, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in Cuba.

S. 2058, to extend filing deadlines for applications for adjustment of status of certain Cuban, Nicaraguan, and Haitian nationals.

S. 2366, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to the Organ Procurement Transplantation Network, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2367, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under the Act.

S. 2370, to designate the Federal Building located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the “Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse”.

S. Con. Res. 81, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People’s Republic of China should immediately release Rabiya Kadeer, her secretary, and her son, and permit them to move to the United States if they so desire, and with an amended preamble. **Page S2426**

Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 84), Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 303, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate. **Page S2674**

National Materials Corridor Partnership Act: Senate passed S. 397, to authorize the Secretary of

Energy to establish a multiagency program to alleviate the problems caused by rapid economic development along the United States-Mexico border, particularly those associated with public health and environmental security, to support the Materials Corridor Partnership Initiative, and to promote energy efficient, environmentally sound economic development along that border through the development and use of new technology, particularly hazardous waste and materials technology, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act: Senate passed S. 503, designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the “Spanish Peaks Wilderness”, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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Hawaii Water Resources Reclamation Act: Senate passed S. 1694, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the reclamation and reuse of water and wastewater in the State of Hawaii, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act: Senate passed S. 1167, to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for expanding the scope of the Independent Scientific Review Panel, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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Education Land Grant Act: Senate passed H.R. 150, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey National Forest System lands for use for educational purposes, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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National Historic Preservation Fund: Senate passed H.R. 834, to extend the authorization for the Historic Preservation Fund and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Elko County, Nevada Cemetery: Senate passed H.R. 1231, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest lands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery, clearing the measure for the President.

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Irrigation Litigation and Restoration Partnership Act: Senate passed H.R. 1444, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to plan, design, and construct facilities to mitigate impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the Pacific Ocean drainage of the States of Oregon, Wash-

ington, Montana, and Idaho, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Bikini Resettlement and Relocation Act: Senate passed H.R. 2368, to assist in the resettlement and relocation of the people of Bikini Atoll by amending the terms of the trust fund established during the United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, clearing the measure for the President.

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Utah Land Exchange: Senate passed H.R. 2862, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of land in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange, clearing the measure for the President.

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Utah Land Acquisition: Senate passed H.R. 2863, to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah, clearing the measure for the President.

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Nevada Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 408, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the City of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center.

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Surface and Mineral Estates Patent: Senate passed S. 1218, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue to the Landusky School District, without consideration, a patent for the surface and mineral estates of certain lots, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Oregon Land Exchange: Senate passed S. 1629, to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Oregon, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Alaska Land Restoration: Senate passed H.R. 3090, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to restore certain lands to the Elim Native Corporation, clearing the measure for the President.

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Alaska Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 1797, to provide for a land conveyance to the City of Craig, Alaska, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Valles Caldera Preservation Act: Senate passed S. 1892, to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act: Senate passed S. 1705, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into land exchanges to acquire from the private owner and to convey to the State of Idaho approximately 1,240 acres of land near the City of Rocks National Reserve, Idaho. **Page S2807**

Palace of the Governors Expansion Act: Senate passed S. 1727, to authorize funding for the expansion annex of the historic Palace of the Governors, a public history museum located, and relating to the history of Hispanic and Native American culture, in the Southwest, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2807–10**

Sessions (for Domenici) Amendment No. 3099, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2808**

Alabama Hydroelectric Project: Senate passed S. 1836, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama. **Page S2810**

White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic Rivers System Act: Senate passed S. 1849, to designate segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2810–11**

Women's Rights National Historical Park: Senate passed S. 1910, to amend the Act establishing Women's Rights National Historical Park to permit the Secretary of the Interior to acquire title in fee simple to the Hunt House located in Waterloo, New York, after agreeing to committee amendments. **Page S2811**

Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 1615, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to extend the designation of a portion of the Lamprey River in New Hampshire as a recreational river to include an additional river segment, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2811**

Federal Leases for Sodium: Senate passed H.R. 3063, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2811**

Land Exchange: Senate passed S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2811**

NRC Fairness in Funding Act: Senate passed S. 1627, to extend the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to collect fees through 2005,

after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2811–13**

Sessions (for Smith of N.H.) Amendment No. 3100, to amend the provision extending the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to collect annual charges and modifying the formula for the charges. **Pages S2812–13**

Sessions (for Smith of N.H.) Amendment No. 3101, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide the Nuclear Regulatory Commission authority over former licensees for funding of decommissionings. **Pages S2812–13**

Korean War 50th Anniversary: Senate passed H.J. Res. 86, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the service by members of the Armed Forces during such war, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2814**

Library of Congress Commendation: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 269, commending the Library of Congress and its staff for 200 years of outstanding service to the Congress and the Nation and encouraging the American public to participate in bicentennial activities. **Page S2815**

Congressional Budget Resolution Conference Report: By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 85), Senate agreed to the conference report on H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005. **Pages S2674–96**

Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty by providing that the income tax rate bracket amounts, and the amount of the standard deduction, for joint returns shall be twice the amounts applicable to unmarried individuals, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2673–74, S2699**

Pending:

Lott (for Roth) Amendment No. 3090, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2673**

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

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 82), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Amendment No. 3090 (listed above). **Page S2673**

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 83), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having

voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the bill. **Page S2674**

A motion was entered to close further debate on H.R. 6 (listed above) 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, April 25, 2000. **Page S2699**

Victims Rights: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 3, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims. **Page S2696**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 3 (listed above) 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, April 25, 2000. **Page S2696**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S2696**

Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1753, to provide the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S2805-07**

Continued Reporting of Intercepted Wire, Oral, and Electronic Communications Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 1769, to continue reporting requirements of section 2519 of title 18, United States Code, beyond December 21, 1999, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S2813-14**

C.B. King U.S. Courthouse: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 1567, to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Avenue in Albany, Georgia, as the "C.B. King United States Courthouse", clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S2814-15**

Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Thursday, April 20, 2000, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. **Page S2815**

Appointments:

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106-170, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Ticket

to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Larry D. Henderson, of Delaware, for a term of two years, and Stephanie Smith Lee, of Virginia, for a term of four years. **Page S2815**

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106-170, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Dr. Richard V. Burkhauser, of New York, for a term of two years, and Ms. Christine M. Griffin, of Massachusetts, for a term of four years. **Page S2815**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Phil Boyer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of two years. (New Position)

Mildred Spiewak Dresselhaus, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Energy Research.

James Donald Walsh, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina.

James L. Whigham, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years vice Joseph George DiLeonardi, resigned.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general. **Page S2815**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—85) **Pages S2673-74, S2696**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:32 a.m., and according to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 303, adjourned at 8:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 25, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2815.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for Foreign Operations, after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

NATIONAL READING PANEL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine the National Reading Panel report, focusing on scientific research-based reading instruction and its readiness for application in the classroom, after receiving testimony from Duane F. Alexander, Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Kent McGuire, Assistant Secretary of Education for Educational Research and Improvement; and Donald N. Langenberg, University System of Maryland, Adelphi, on behalf of the National Reading Panel.

IRS REFORM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings to examine certain Internal Revenue Service reform issues, focusing on paperless filing and the return-free tax filing system as it relates to the Internal Revenue Service's mandate under the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, after receiving testimony from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and Leonard E. Burman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Treasury, both of the Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Bernard Daniel Rostker, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Gregory Robert Dahlberg, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

DOD ANTHRAX VACCINE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine issues relating to the implementation of the Department of Defense anthrax vaccine immunization program, receiving testimony from Rear Adm. Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director of Intelligence, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Rudy de Leon, Deputy Secretary, David R. Oliver, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, and Maj. Gen. Randall L. West, USMC, Special Advisor to the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, all of the Department of Defense; Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, USA, Surgeon General of the Army; and Carol R. Schuster, Associate Director, National Security Preparedness Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

SECURITIES MARKETS STRUCTURE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the evolution of the equity markets and the appropriate role of policymakers in this period of rapid change, focusing on implications of technology changes and the role of policymakers, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1755, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to regulate interstate commerce in the use of mobile telephones, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2340, to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish a program to support research and training in methods of detecting the use of performance-enhancing substances by athletes, with amendments;

S. 1089, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, for the United States Coast Guard, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1482, to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, with an amendment;

S. 1911, to conserve Atlantic highly migratory species of fish, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1651, to amend the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 to extend the period during which reimbursement may be provided to owners of United States fishing vessels for costs incurred when such a vessel is seized and detained by a foreign country, with amendments;