

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 4461, Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6403–S6483*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2844–2849, and S.J. Res. 49. **Pages S6473–74**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 2844, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize the provision of assistance to increase the availability of credit to microenterprises lacking full access to credit, to establish a Microfinance Loan Facility. (S. Rept. No. 106–335)

S. 2845, to authorize additional assistance to countries with large populations having HIV/AIDS, to authorize assistance for tuberculosis prevention, treatment, control, and elimination. (S. Rept. No. 106–336)

S. 2712, to amend chapter 35 of title 31, United States Code, to authorize the consolidation of certain financial and performance management reports required of Federal agencies. (S. Rept. No. 106–337)

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**Death Tax Elimination Act:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 8, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period. **Pages S6408–48**

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 173), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6408**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Wednesday, July 12, 2000. **Page S6445**

**National Defense Authorization:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 2549, to authorize appropriations

for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6448–61**

Adopted:

Smith (of NH) Modified Amendment No. 3210, to prohibit granting security clearances to felons.

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Warner (for Smith of NH) Amendment No. 3765, to require that the annual report on transfers of militarily sensitive technology to countries and entities of concern include a discussion of actions taken on recommendations of inspectors general contained in previous annual reports. **Page S6450**

Levin (for Bryan) Amendment No. 3761, to provide for the concurrent payment to surviving spouses of disability and indemnity compensation and annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan. **Pages S6450–51**

Levin (for Bingaman) Modified Amendment No. 3770, to improve the ability of the National Laboratories to achieve their missions through collaborations with other institutions. **Pages S6451–54**

Warner Modified Amendment No. 3739, to improve the modifications to the counterintelligence polygraph program of the Department of Energy.

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Warner (for Domenici) Modified Amendment No. 3259, to coordinate and facilitate the development by the Department of Defense of directed energy technologies, systems, and weapons. **Pages S6454–55**

Warner (for Domenici) Modified Amendment No. 3760, to expand and enhance United States efforts in the Russian nuclear complex to expedite the containment of nuclear expertise that presents a proliferation threat. **Pages S6455–56**

## Pending:

Warner (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3767, to provide for annual reporting of the national security implications of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China. **Pages S6449–50**

Byrd Amendment No. 3794 (to Amendment No. 3767), to provide for annual reporting of the national security implications of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China. **Page S6450**

Bennett/Reid Amendment No. 3185, to provide for an adjustment of composite theoretical performance levels of high performance computers. **Page S6456**

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

Warner (for Thompson) Amendment No. 3250 (previously adopted by the Senate on June 8, 2000), was modified. **Page S6450**

Warner (for Bennett) Amendment No. 3751 (previously adopted by the Senate on June 30, 2000), was modified. **Page S6450**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that any votes ordered with respect to amendments occur at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2000. **Page S6445**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, pending amendments, and amendments to be proposed thereto, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2000. Further, that the bill be advanced to third reading, the Senate proceed to the House companion bill H.R. 4205, that all after the enacting clause be stricken, the text of the Senate bill be inserted, the House bill be advanced to third reading and passage occur, all without any intervening action, and the Senate bill be then placed on the Calendar. **Page S6461**

**Interior Appropriations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for certain amendments to be proposed to H.R. 4578, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. **Pages S6444–45**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S6468**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Pages S6482–83**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—173) **Page S6408**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 8:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 12, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6483.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AMTRAK COMMUTER RAIL CONTRACT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded hearings to examine the Federal Transit Administration's decision to approve the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's request for a waiver from the Federal Transit Administration's five-year limitation on contract length that would allow a three year extension of the agreement with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) to provide mechanical, transportation, and engineering services, after receiving testimony from Nuria I. Fernandez, Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; and George D. Warrington, President and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak).

### WATER RIGHTS ACTS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings on S. 2195, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Truckee watershed reclamation project for the reclamation and reuse of water, S. 2350, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to certain water rights to Duchesne City, Utah, S. 2672, to provide for the conveyance of various reclamation projects to local water authorities, after receiving testimony from Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Sharon Blackwell, Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs, both of the Department of the Interior; Steve K. Walker, Washoe County Water Resources Division, Reno, Nevada; John A. Sweikar, Sugar Pine Transfer Committee Foresthill Public Utility District, Foresthill, California; and Brice Bledsoe, Contra Costa Water District, Concord, California.