

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Continuing Appropriations Resolution.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4733, Energy and Water Appropriations 2001.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9405–S9558

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3128–3140, S.J. Res. 54, S. Res. 362–363, and S. Con. Res. 139–140.

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Measures Reported:

S. 3129, to provide for international debt forgiveness and the strengthening of anticorruption measures and accountability at international financial institutions. (S. Rept. No. 106–425)

S. 2962, to amend the Clean Air Act to address problems concerning methyl tertiary butyl ether, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–426)

S. 2594, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, diverting, and carriage of nonproject water for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–427)

S. 2691, to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–428)

S. 2848, to provide for a land exchange to benefit the Pecos National Historical Park in New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–429)

S. 2942, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of West Virginia. (S. Rept. No. 106–430)

S. 2951, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the

Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–431)

S. 3000, to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–432)

H.R. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes. (S. Rept. No. 106–433)

H.R. 3236, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Utah, to use Weber Basin Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes. (S. Rept. No. 106–434)

H.R. 3577, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho. (S. Rept. No. 106–435)

H.R. 4115, to authorize appropriations for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. (S. Rept. No. 106–436)

H.R. 1162, to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 that crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the “William H. Natcher Bridge”.

H.R. 1605, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 402 North Walnut Street in Harrison, Arkansas, as the “J. Smith Henley Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

H.R. 2442, to provide for the preparation of a Government report detailing injustices suffered by Italian Americans during World War II, and a formal acknowledgement of such injustices by the President, with amendments.

H.R. 4806, to designate the Federal building located at 1710 Alabama Avenue in Jasper, Alabama, as the "Carl Elliott Federal Building".

S. Res. 343, expressing the sense of the Senate that the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement should recognize and admit to full membership Israel's Magen David Adom Society with its emblem, the Red Shield of David.

S. 1898, to provide protection against the risks to the public that are inherent in the interstate transportation of violent prisoners, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2621, to continue the current prohibition of military cooperation with the armed forces of the Republic of Indonesia until the President determines and certifies to the Congress that certain conditions are being met, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2915, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2924, to strengthen the enforcement of Federal statutes relating to false identification, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3072, to assist in the enhancement of the development of expansion of international economic assistance programs that utilize cooperatives and credit unions. **Page S9464**

Measures Passed:

Continuing Resolution: By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 259), Senate passed H.J. Res. 109, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, clearing the measure for the President.

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Private Relief: Senate passed S. 150, for the relief of Marina Khalina and her son, Albert Mifakhov.

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Private Relief: Senate passed S. 11, for the relief of Wei Jingsheng.

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Private Relief: Senate passed S. 451, for the relief of Saeed Rezai.

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Private Relief: Senate passed S. 1078, for the relief of Mrs. Elizabeth Eks Bassey, Emmanuel O. Paul Bassey, and Mary Idongesit Paul Bassey, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Private Relief: Senate passed S. 1513, for the relief of Jacqueline Salinas and her children Gabriela Salinas, Alejandro Salinas, and Omar Salinas.

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Private Relief: Senate passed S. 2019, for the relief of Malia Miller.

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Private Relief: Senate passed S. 869, for the relief of Mina Vahedi Notash.

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Private Relief: Senate passed H.R. 3646, for the relief of certain Persian Gulf evacuees, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment, proposed thereto:

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Grams (for Abraham) Amendment No. 4277, to make certain technical corrections.

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Private Relief: Senate passed S. 2000, for the relief of Guy Taylor.

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Private Relief: Senate passed S. 2002, for the relief of Tony Lara.

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Private Relief: Senate passed S. 2289, for the Relief of Jose Gaudalupe Tellez Pinales.

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Private Relief: Senate passed S. 785, for the relief of Frances Schochenmaier and Mary Hudson, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Presidential Transition Act: Senate passed H.R. 4931, to provide for the training or orientation of individuals, during a Presidential transition, who the President intends to appoint to certain key positions, to provide for a study and report on improving the financial disclosure process for certain Presidential nominees, clearing the measures for the President.

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Private Relief: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3363, for the relief of Akal Security, Incorporated, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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FHA Downpayment Simplification Extension Act: Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5193, to amend the National Housing Act to temporarily extend the applicability of the downpayment simplification provisions for the FHA single family housing mortgage insurance program, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 139, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the dedication of the Japanese-American Memorial to Patriotism.

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Coastal Zone Management Act: Senate passed S. 1534, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9544–51**

Grams (for Snowe) Amendment No. 4278, to increase authorization levels for the National Estuarine Research Reserve System. **Page S9548**

Maritime Administration Authorization Act: Senate passed S. 2487, to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9551–52**

Gaming Clarification Act: Senate passed S. 893, to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide equitable treatment with respect to State and local income taxes for certain individuals who perform duties on vessels. **Pages S9552–53**

Federal Judiciary Protection Act: Senate passed S. 113, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants. **Pages S9554–55**

Commending the Late Ernest Burgess: Senate agreed to S. Res. 363, commending the late Ernest Burgess, M.D., for his service to the Nation and the international community, and expressing the condolences of the Senate to his family on his death. **Pages S9555–56**

National Law Enforcement Museum Act: Senate passed S. 1438, to establish the National Law Enforcement Museum on Federal land in the District of Columbia, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9556–57**

Grams (for Thompson) Amendment No. 4279, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9557**

Holocaust Memorial Museum: Senate passed H.R. 4115, to authorize appropriations for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9557**

H-1B Nominigrant Visa: Senate completed consideration of S. 2045, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H-1B nonimmigrant aliens, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (as amended), and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9449–51**

Adopted:

Lott (for Abraham) Amendments No. 4117 (to the committee substitute), of a perfecting nature. **Page S9449**

Hatch/Kennedy/Abraham Amendment No. 4275, to make certain technical amendments. **Page S9449**

Withdrawn:

Lott Amendment No. 4214 (to Amendment No. 4177), of a perfecting nature. **Page S9449**

Lott Amendment No. 4216 (to the language proposed to be stricken), of a perfecting nature. **Page S9449**

Lott Amendment No. 4217 (to Amendment No. 4216), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9449**

Lott motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back forthwith. **Page S9449**

Subsequently, Lott Amendment No. 4269 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit the bill), of a perfecting nature, and Lott Amendment No. 4270 (to Amendment No. 4269), in the nature of a substitute, both fell when the motion to recommit was withdrawn. **Page S9449**

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

By 92 yeas to 3 nays (Vote 260), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Amendment No. 4177 (listed above). **Page S9440**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for final passage of the bill to occur at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, October 3, 2000. **Page S9451**

Visa Waiver: Senate completed consideration of H.R. 3767, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under section 217 of such Act, agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9451–53**

Domenici (for Abraham/Kennedy) Amendment No. 4276, to make certain technical amendments. **Pages S9451–53**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for final passage of the bill to occur on Tuesday, October 3, 2000. **Page S9453**

Federal Prisoner Health Care Copayment Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 704, to amend title 18, United States Code, to combat the overutilization of prison health care services and control rising prisoner health care costs, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S9553–54**

Energy and Water Development Appropriations Conference Report: Senate considered the conference report on H.R. 4733, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. **Pages S9453–55**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on adoption of the conference report to occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 2, 2000. **Page S9455**

Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file legislative and executive reports during the recess of the Senate on Friday, September 29, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. **Page S9557**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert S. LaRussa, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary Commerce for International Trade.

Franz S. Leichter, of New York, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2006.

Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Sue Bailey, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

George T. Frampton, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

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

Arthur C. Campbell, of Tennessee, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development (New Position), to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Ella Wong-Rusinko, of Virginia, to be Alternate Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

John David Holum, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Department of State (New Position), to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Robin Chandler Duke, of New York, to be Ambassador to Norway, to which position she was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Carl Spielvogel, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

James M. Daley, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis and to Saint Lucia, to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Sally Katzen, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Shibley Telhami, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2001.

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Barbara W. Snelling, of Vermont, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2005. (Reappointment)

Holly J. Burkhalter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2005. (Reappointment)

James Charles Riley, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring August 30, 2006 (Reappointment), to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Donald L. Robinson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2001.

Isabel Carter Stewart, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006.

Bill Lann Lee, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Arthur A. McGiverin, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2003. (Reappointment)

Steven Clayton Stafford, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California for the term of four years.

David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Robert A. Miller, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2003. (Reappointment)

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—260) **Pages S9439–40**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 7:18 p.m., until 12 Noon, on Monday, October 2, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9558.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. IRAQ POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues relating to the United States policy toward Iraq, including Iraq's development of weapons of mass destruction, and the forging of a consensus in the Security Council on enforcing arms control in Iraq, after receiving testimony from Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC (Ret), former Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command; Richard Butler, Diplomat-in-Residence, Council on Foreign Relations; and Richard N. Perle, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

SEC AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE PROPOSAL

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities held hearings on a Securities and Exchange Commission proposal to promulgate agency regulations which restrict certain types of non-audit services that independent public accountants may provide to their audit clients, receiving testimony from Arthur Levitt, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; Barry C. Melancon, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and John H. Biggs, TIAA-CREF, both of New York, New York; Shaun F. O'Malley, Public Oversight Board Panel on Audit Effectiveness, Stamford, Connecticut; and Philip B. Livingston, Financial Executives Institute, Morristown, New Jersey.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NUCLEAR WASTE LITIGATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impacts of recent United States Federal Circuit Court of Appeals decisions regarding the Federal government's breach of contract for failure to accept high level nuclear waste by January 1998, including a related measure S. 1287, to provide for the storage of spent nuclear fuel pending completion of the nuclear waste repository, after receiving testimony from Ivan Itkin, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, and Marc Johnston, Deputy General Counsel for Litigation, both of the Department of Energy; Lauren McDonald, Georgia Public Service Commis-

sion, Atlanta, on behalf of the North American Regulatory Utility Commission; Russell A. Mellor, Yankee Atomic Electric Company/Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company, Auburn, Massachusetts; John W. Rowe, Unicom Corporation and Commonwealth Edison, Chicago, Illinois; David Sparby, Xcel Energy Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Thomas A. Schatz, Citizens Against Government Waste, and Marvin Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 2496, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994;

H.R. 4320, to assist in the conservation of great apes by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of great apes and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of great apes;

H.R. 3671, to amend the Acts popularly known as the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects and increase opportunities for recreational hunting, bow hunting, trapping, archery, and fishing, by eliminating opportunities for waste, fraud, abuse, maladministration, and unauthorized expenditures for administration and execution of those Acts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4286, to provide for the establishment of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge in Bibb County, Alabama;

H.R. 3292, to provide for the establishment of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana with amendments;

H.R. 4318, to establish the Red River National Wildlife Refuge;

H.R. 4435, to clarify certain boundaries on the map relating to Unit NC01 of the Coastal Barrier Resources System;

H.R. 34, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, with amendments;

H.R. 1162, to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 that crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge";

H.R. 1605, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 402 North Walnut Street in Harrison, Arkansas, as the "J. Smith Henley Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; and