

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

- Senate passed Continuing Resolution.
- Senate passed VA–HUD Appropriations bill.
- Senate agreed to Conference Report on Legislative Branch Appropriations.
- Senate agreed to Conference Report on Intelligence Authorization.
- Senate agreed to Conference Report on Department of Defense Authorization.
- The House passed H.J. Res. 111, Making Further Continuing Appropriations.
- House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2415, American Embassy Security and Bankruptcy Reform.
- Agreed to the Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 4386, Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000.
- House agreed to Conference Report on H.R. 4392, Intelligence Authorization FY 2001.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10275–10516

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3190–3205, S. Res. 371–376, and S. Con. Res. 150. **Page S10411–12**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittees Of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2001”. (S. Rept. No. 106–499)

Report to accompany S. 2900, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. (S. Rept. No. 106–500)

S. 3031, to make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–501)

S. 3030, to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for executive agencies to conduct annual recovery audits and recovery activities. (S. Rept. No. 106–502)

Report to accompany H.R. 4868, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws. (S. Rept. No. 106–503) **Page S10411**

Measures Passed:

VA–HUD Appropriations: By 87 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 272), Senate passed H.R. 4635, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10275–S10333**

Adopted:

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 4306, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10290**

Stevens Amendment No. 4310, to provide that in lieu of a statement of the managers that would otherwise accompany a conference report for a bill making appropriations for federal agencies and activities provided for in this Act, reports that are filed in

identical form by the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations prior to adjournment of the 106th Congress shall be considered by the Office of Management and Budget, and the agencies responsible for the obligation and expenditure of funds provided in this Act, as having the same standing, force and legislative history as would a statement of the managers accompanying a conference report. **Page S10308**
Rejected:

Mikulski (for Daschle) Amendment No. 4307, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

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Boxer/Baucus Amendment No. 4308, to strike the riders that delay the Environmental Protection Agency's new standard on arsenic in drinking water and that prohibit the designation of nonattainment areas under the Clean Air Act. (By 63 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 270), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S10296, S10309

Boxer Amendment No. 4309, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the cleanup of river and ocean waters contaminated with DDT, PCBs, dioxins, metals and other toxic chemicals. (By 56 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 271), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S10302, S10309-10

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

Earlier, Mikulski (for Daschle) Amendment No. 4307 (listed above), was adopted. Subsequently, Senate agreed to a motion to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted, and upon reconsideration, the amendment was rejected. **Page S10294**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Bond, Burns, Shelby, Craig, Hutchison, Kyl, Domenici, Stevens, Mikulski, Leahy, Lautenberg, Harkin, Reid, Byrd, and Inouye.

Pages S10332-33

Continuing Resolution: By 90 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 276), Senate passed H.J. Res. 111, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S10334, S10394

Defense Production Act Amendments: Senate passed H.R. 1715, to extend the expiration date of the Defense Production Act of 1950, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S10488-89

Steens Mountain Wilderness Act: Senate passed H.R. 4828, to designate wilderness areas and a cooperative management and protection area in the vi-

cinity of Steens Mountain in Harney County, Oregon, clearing the measure for the President.

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World War I Liberty Memorial: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 114, recognizing the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri, as a national World War I symbol honoring those who defended liberty and our country through service in World War I, and the resolution was then agreed to.

Pages S10489-90

Relocating and Renovating Hamilton Grange: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 368, to recognize the importance of relocating and renovating the Hamilton Grange, New York, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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District of Columbia Receivership Accountability: Senate passed H.R. 3995, to establish procedures governing the responsibilities of court-appointed receivers who administer departments, offices, and agencies of the District of Columbia government, clearing the measure for the President.

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National Museum of American Art Renaming: Senate passed S. 3201, to rename the National Museum of American Art.

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Jasper Fire Fighters Commendation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 376, expressing the sense of the Senate that the men and women who fought the Jasper Fire in the Black Hills of South Dakota should be commended for their heroic efforts.

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U.S. Grain Standards Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 4788, to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect fees to cover the cost of services performed under the Act, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Act, and to improve the administration of the Act., after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Murkowski (for Lugar) Amendment No. 4311, in the nature of a substitute.

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Good Citizenship Act: Senate passed H.R. 2883, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to confer United States citizenship automatically and retroactively on certain foreign-born children adopted by citizens of the United States, clearing the measure for the President.

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Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 3671, to amend 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, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, to commemorate the centennial of the establishment of the first national wildlife refuge in the United States on March 14, 1903, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10491-98**

Murkowski (for Smith of NH) Amendment No. 4312, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10491-98**

Work Made for Hire and Copyright Corrections Act: Senate passed H.R. 5107, to make certain corrections in copyright law, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10498-99**

Treaties Returned to President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 267, executive resolution directing the return of certain treaties to the President, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Murkowski (for Helms) Amendment No. 4313, to remove from the list of treaties required to be returned to the President a mutual legal assistance treaty between the United States and Nigeria.

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Veterans Benefits Act: Committee on Veterans Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4850, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2000, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10515-16**

Murkowski (for Specter/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 4315, in the nature of a substitute.

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Murkowski (for Specter/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 4316, to amend the title. **Page S10516**

Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report: By 58 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 273), upon reconsideration, Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4516, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10333**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which the conference report was not agreed to on September 20, 2000.

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Intelligence Authorization Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4392, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

Pages S10333-34

Department of Defense Authorization Conference Report: By 90 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 275), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4205, 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, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S10299-S10334-94

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

By 84 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 274), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of the conference report. Subsequently, a point of order that a certain provision, relating to an authorization that expands the health care entitlement of military retirees over the age of 65, of the conference report was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was not sustained.

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Veterans Education Benefits: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to the title of S. 1402, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rates of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, to improve procedures for the adjustment of rates of pay for nurses employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to make other improvements in veterans educational assistance, health care, and benefits programs, with the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10500-13**

Murkowski (for Specter) Amendment No. 4314 (to House amendments), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10503-04**

Agriculture Appropriations Conference Report Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the conference report on H.R. 4461, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, on Friday,

October 13, 2000. Further consent was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 17–18, 2000, with a vote on adoption of the conference report to occur on Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m.

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

International Convention for Suppression of Financing Terrorism (Treaty Doc. No. 106–49).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate Confirmed the following nominations:

Robert N. Shamansky, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years. (Reappointment)

Robert B. Pirie, Jr., of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy. **Page S10516**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mora L. McLean, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2001.

Mora L. McLean, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2005. (Reappointment)

Routine lists in the Army. **Page S10516**

Messages From the House: **Page S10409**

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Amendments Submitted: **Page S10428**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S10409**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S10483**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—276) **Pages S10309, S10310, S10317, S10333, S10374, S10394**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:36 a.m., and recessed at 9:31 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, October 13, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10516.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GULF WAR ILLNESSES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine Gulf War illnesses, focusing on possible associations between agents to which Gulf War veterans may have been exposed and their potential for adverse health effects, after receiving testimony from Bernard D. Rostker, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; John R. Feussner, Chief Research and Development Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Drue H. Barrett, Chief of the Veterans' Health Activity Working Group, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Captain Julia Dyckman, United States Navy Reserve (Retired); Robert G. Claypool, Military and Veterans Health Coordinating Boards, Washington, D.C.; Harold C. Sox, Jr., Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, New Hampshire; Robert W. Haley, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas; and Ross Perot, Perot Systems Corporation, Dallas, Texas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 5455–5472 and; 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 113; H. Con. Res. 425–429, and H. Res. 629 were introduced.

Pages H9899–H9900

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

H.R. 1924, to prevent Federal agencies from pursuing policies of unjustifiable nonacquiescence in, and relitigation of, precedents established in the Federal judicial courts, amended (H. Rept. 106–976);

The Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Addressing Needs and Improving Practices (H. Rept. 106–977). **Page H9899**