

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Veterans Benefits Act.

House Committee ordered reported the Help America Vote Act.

The House and Senate passed H.J. Res. 74, Making Continuing Appropriations for FY 2001 through December 7.

The House passed H.R. 2269, Retirement Security Advice Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11869–S11972*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1705–1716, S. Res. 181, and S. Con. Res. 84. **Page S11940**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1008, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to develop the United States Climate Change Response Strategy with the goal of stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system, while minimizing adverse short-term and long-term economic and social impacts, aligning the Strategy with United States energy policy, and promoting a sound national environmental policy, to establish a research and development program that focuses on bold technological breakthroughs that make significant progress toward the goal of stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations, to establish the National Office of Climate Change Response within the Executive Office of the President., with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 107–99) **Page S11939**

#### Measures Passed:

**Veterans Benefits Act:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2540, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11871–72**

Reid (for Rockefeller/Specter) Amendment No. 2149, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11871–72**

Reid (for Rockefeller/Specter) Amendment No. 2150, to amend the title. **Page S11872**

**Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act:** Senate passed H.R. 1552, to extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act through November 1, 2003, after rejecting the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11902–14**

Enzi Amendment No. 2155, to foster innovation and technological advancement in the development of the Internet and electronic commerce, and to assist the States in simplifying their sales and use taxes. (By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 341), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S11905–14**

**Homestake Mine Conveyance Act:** Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 1389, to provide for the conveyance of certain real property in South Dakota to the State of South Dakota with indemnification by the United States government, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S11916**

Daschle Amendment No. 2161, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11916**

**Homeless Veterans Assistance Act:** Senate passed S. 739, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs for homeless veterans, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11917–19**

**Report Elimination Prevention:** Senate passed H.R. 1042, to require agencies to continue certain reports to Congress that are now slated for elimination pursuant to the Federal Reports Elimination

and Sunset Act of 1995, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11919–20**

**Office of Government Ethics Authorization Act:** Senate passed S. 1202, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2006. **Page S11920**

**Continuing Resolution:** Senate passed H.J. Res. 74, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11920**

**James A. McClure Federal Building Designations:** Senate passed S. 1459, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 550 West Fort Street in Boise, Idaho, as the “James A. McClure Federal Building and United States Courthouse”. **Page S11921**

**Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse Designation:** Senate passed S. 1270, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at 8th Avenue and Mill Street in Eugene, Oregon, as the “Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse”. **Page S11921**

**Afghan Women and Children Relief Act:** Senate passed S. 1573, to authorize the provision of educational and health care assistance to the women and children of Afghanistan, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11921–22**

Reid (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 2158, to amend the reporting and funding provisions. **Page S11922**

**Legal Representation Authorizations:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 181, to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in *State of Idaho v. Joseph Daniel Hooper*. **Page S11922**

**United Kingdom Alliance Appreciations:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 174, expressing appreciation to the United Kingdom for its solidarity and leadership as an ally of the United States and reaffirming the special relationship between the two countries. **Pages S11922–23**

**National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 44, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S11923**

Reid (for Fitzgerald/Durbin) Amendment No. 2159, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11923**

**Small Business Investment Company Amendments Act:** Senate passed S. 1196, to amend the

Small Business Investment Act of 1958, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11923–26**

Reid (for Bond/Kerry) Amendment No. 2160, to amend the bill with respect to subsidy fees. **Pages S11923–26**

**Muscular Dystrophy-CARE Act:** Senate passed H.R. 717, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Duchenne, Becker, limb girdle, congenital, facioscapulohumeral, myotonic, oculopharyngeal, distal, and Emery-Dreifuss muscular dystrophies, after agreeing to a committee amendment. **Page S11926**

**Property Vandalism and Destruction Reduction:** Senate passed H.R. 2924, to provide authority to the Federal Power Marketing Administrations to reduce vandalism and destruction of property, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11926–27**

**Agriculture Appropriations Conference Report:** By 92 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 339), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2330, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11872–78**

**Commerce, Justice, State Appropriation Conference Report:** By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 340), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11878–86**

**Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 320, to make technical corrections in patent, copyright, and trademark laws, with a further amendment as follows: **Page S11926**

Reid (for Hatch) Amendment No. 2162 (to the amendment of the House), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11926**

**Aviation Security Act Conference Report—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the conference report on S. 1447, to improve aviation security. **Page S11915**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Protocol Relating To The Madrid Agreement (Treaty Doc. 106–41) (Ex. Rept. 107–1) **Pages S11939–40**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the seventh biennial revision (2002–2006) to the United States Arctic Research Plan; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–59) **Page S11939**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Odessa F. Vincent, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Raymond F. Burghardt, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Ronald Weiser, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

J. Richard Blankenship, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

George L. Argyros, Sr., of California, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra.

Cynthia Shepard Perry, of Texas, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Jose A. Fourquet, of New Jersey, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years.

Larry Miles Dinger, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Charles Lawrence Greenwood, Jr., of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Coordinator for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

Stephan Michael Minikes, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

Lyons Brown, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

Ernest L. Johnson, of Louisiana, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

William J. Hybl, of Colorado, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Nancy Cain Marcus, of Texas, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

William D. Montgomery, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Constance Berry Newman, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Melvin F. Sembler, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Italy.

Robert M. Beecroft, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Head of Mission, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Charles Lester Pritchard, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Negotiations with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and United States Representative to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO).

John Marshall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Darryl Norman Johnson, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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

Vickers B. Meadows, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Beverly Cook, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environment, Safety and Health).

J. Paul Gilman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Morris X. Winn, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Edward Kingman, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Edward Kingman, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury.

Arthur E. Dewey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

Louis Kincannon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Census.

Michael A. Battle, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York for a term of four years.

Melanie Sabelhaus, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

A routine list in the Army.

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**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Shirlee Bowne, of Florida, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring

February 27, 2004, which was sent to the Senate on September 14, 2001.

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Authority for Committees to Meet: Page S11970

Privilege of the Floor: Page S11970

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—341) Pages S11878, S11886, S11914

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 8:34 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, November 16, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11970.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NEW FEDERAL FARM BILL

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, and to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber.

### TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded hearings to examine terrorist organizations and motivations, after receiving testimony from Jerrold M. Post, George Washington University Political Psychology Program, Washington, D.C.; and Brian M. Jenkins, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

### TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities met in closed session to receive a briefing on terrorist organizations and motivations from Jennifer L. Oatman, Senior Terrorism Analyst, Joint Terrorism Analysis Center, Intelligence Directorate, J-2, The Joint Staff; and an official of the intelligence community.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Allan I. Mendelowitz, of Connecticut, Franz S. Leichter, of New York, and John Thomas Korsmo, of North Dakota, each to be a Director, all of the Federal Housing Finance Board, Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Randall S. Kroszner, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of William Schubert, of Texas, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### CLEAN POWER ACT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 556, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions from electric powerplants, focusing on the bill's impact on the environment and the economy, after receiving testimony from Vermont Governor Howard Dean, Montpelier; Gerard M. Anderson, DTE Energy Resources/DTE Energy Company, Detroit, Michigan, and Jeff Sterba, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Albuquerque, both on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute; Robert LaCount, Jr., PG&E National Energy Group, Bethesda, Maryland; Jeffrey C. Smith, Institute of Clean Air Companies, David G. Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Ronald J. Tipton, National Parks Conservation Association, all of Washington, D.C.; John L. Kirkwood, American Lung Association, New York, New York; and Bill Banig, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Richard Clarida, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy, Kenneth Lawson, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, and B. John Williams, Jr., of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and Assistant General Counsel, all of the Department of the Treasury, James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, and Harold Daub, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, both of the Social Security Administration, and Janet Hale, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget, and Joan E.