

Sen. Robert Byrd back in hospital

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WASHINGTON - Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., returned to a Washington hospital Wednesday after suffering an adverse reaction to antibiotics he was taking, his staff said. Byrd, 90, had been hospitalized last week after taking a fall in his home. Tests showed he didn't suffer any broken bones in the tumble. This time, the problem apparently stemmed from medication he was prescribed for a urinary tract infection, The Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette reported. "According to his doctors, Byrd's antibiotics are causing a reaction and some additional tests are needed in order to change the antibiotic medicine to one that the senator can better tolerate," spokesman Jesse Jacobs told the Gazette. "His stay is expected to be brief." Byrd, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, is the longest-serving senator in U.S. history. As Senate president pro tempore, he's third in line to the presidency.

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