

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Congressional Budget Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2383–S2447

Measures Introduced: Two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2381–2382, and S. Res. 283–284. **Page S2438**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 2382, to authorize appropriations for technical assistance for fiscal year 2001, to promote trade anti-corruption measures. (S. Rept. No. 106–257) **Page S2438**

Measures Passed:

Congressional Budget Resolution: By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 79), Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005, after striking all after the resolving clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. Con. Res. 101, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2384–S2432**

Adopted:

Santorum Amendment No. 3058, to express the sense of the Senate supporting additional funding for fiscal year 2001 for medical care for our nation's veterans. **Page S2384**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 66), Craig Amendment No. 3074 (to Amendment No. 2934), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S2387–88**

Johnson Amendment No. 2934, to increase funding for veterans health care. **Pages S2386–88**

Ashcroft Amendment No. 2946, to express the sense of the Senate concerning the investment of the social security trust funds. **Pages S2388–89**

Mikulski Amendment No. 2956, to express the sense of the Senate concerning an increase in funding for digital opportunity. **Page S2389**

Smith (N.H.) Amendment No. 3031, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the type of medicare prescription drug benefit that Congress should pass. **Pages S2389–90**

By a vote of 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 69), Kennedy Amendment No. 2939, to reduce the GOP tax cut by less than 1 percent in fiscal year 2001, and 1.8 percent over 5 years, to increase the Pell grant maximum by total of \$400, raising the basic Pell grant from the current \$3,300 to \$3,700. **Pages S2391–93**

Voinovich Amendment No. 3075 (to Amendment No. 2984), to express the sense of the Senate with regard to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. (By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 72), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S2399–S2400**

Jeffords Amendment No. 2984, to provide full funding for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2396–S2400**

Edwards (for Torricelli) Modified Amendment No. 3001, to provide \$250,000,000 in economic development aid to assist communities in re-building from Hurricane Floyd. **Page S2400**

Specter Amendment No. 2994, to increase discretionary health funding by \$1,600,000,000. **Pages S2400–02**

Stevens Amendment No. 3003, to establish a reserve fund for early learning and parent support programs. **Pages S2404–05**

By a vote of 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 74), Craig Amendment No. 3077 (to Amendment No. 2954), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the enforcement of Federal firearms laws. **Pages S2403–04, S2405–06**

Durbin/Schumer Amendment No. 2954, to provide adequate funding for a gun enforcement initiative to add 500 new federal ATF agents and inspectors and fund over 1,000 new federal, state, and local prosecutors to take dangerous gun offenders off the streets. **Pages S2402–04, S2406**

Smith (NH) Modified Amendment No. 3028, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the census.

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By a vote of 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 75) Nickles Amendment No. 3078 (to Amendment No. 2951), to express the sense of the Senate that any increase in the minimum wage should be accompanied by tax relief for small businesses.

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By a vote of 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 76) Reid (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3079 (to Amendment 2951), to express the sense of the Senate concerning an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 2951, to express the sense of the Senate concerning an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

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Landrieu Amendment No. 2979, to express the sense of Congress on the sufficiency of the funding in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for fiscal year 2001 for allowing members of the Armed Forces to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan.

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Kohl Amendment No. 2941, to strike the reserve fund for allocation of any additional surplus forecast by the Congressional Budget Office in July to the Committee on Finance for tax cuts.

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Fitzgerald Amendment No. 2961, to express the sense of the Senate that the Social Security trust funds should be protected through sequestration.

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Reed Amendment No. 3037, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should grant the Food and Drug Administration the authority to regulate tobacco products.

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Boxer Amendment No. 2911, to express the sense of the Senate regarding after school programs.

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Harkin Modified Amendment No. 3073, to express the sense of the Senate regarding protection of workers whose employers convert to cash balance pension plans.

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Bond Amendment No. 3018, to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal investment in programs which provide health care services to uninsured and low-income individuals in medically underserved areas be increased in order to double access to care over the next 5 years.

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Domenici (for DeWine) Modified Amendment No. 3049, to provide fiscal year 2001 funding for the United States Coast Guard.

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Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 68), Voinovich Amendment No. 2907, to strike the reconciliation instruction for tax cuts, thereby allowing surpluses to go toward debt reduction.

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By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 71), Lautenberg Amendment No. 2957, in the nature of a substitute.

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By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 73), Domenici Amendment No. 3076 (to Amendment No. 2994), to increase discretionary health funding by \$1,600,000,000.

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Bingaman Amendment No. 2997, to redirect tax cuts to the program for disadvantaged children in order to meet the bipartisan commitment to increase Title 1 funding to \$15 billion.

Pages S2411-12

By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 78) Kennedy Amendment No. 2962, to expand medicaid and S. CHIP coverage to low income families. (By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 77), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Abraham Amendment No. 3063, to provide for the protection of Social Security trust funds surpluses.

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

By 44 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 65), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Conrad Amendment No. 3016, to protect Social Security surpluses and reserve a portion of on-budget surpluses for Medicare and debt reduction. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 67), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Graham Amendment No. 2966, to establish a reserve funds for additional ESEA funding. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the Budget Resolution was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 30 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 70), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Ashcroft Amendment No. 3032, to protect the Medicare surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the Budget Resolution was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint conferees.

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Subsequently, S. Con. Res. 101 was placed back on the Senate calendar. **Page S2429**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached that in reference to H. Con. Res. 290 (listed above), the conference ratio be 4 to 3. **Page S2429**

Democracy in Peru: Senate passed S.J. Res. 43, expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should encourage free and fair elections and respect for democracy in Peru, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S2444**

Murkowski (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 3080, to provide for political, economic, and military relations with Peru. **Page S2444**

Murkowski (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 3081, to include provisions relating to the Organization of American States, the National Democratic Institute, and the Carter Center. **Page S2444**

Directing Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 283, to direct the Senate Legal Counsel to intervene in the name of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on the Judiciary in *United States of America v. Northwest Airlines Corporation, et al.* **Pages S2444–45**

Mubammad Ali Boxing Reform Act: Senate passed H.R. 1832, to reform unfair and anticompetitive practices in the professional boxing industry, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2445**

Murkowski (for Reid) Amendment No. 3082, to ensure that rules similar to the rules against coercive contracts between boxers and promoters apply to contracts between boxers and interstate broadcasters, and that casinos, hotels, resorts, etc., that are merely “associated” with a promoter are not subject to the rules applicable to promoters. **Page S2445**

Authorizing Testimony: Senate agreed to S. Res. 284, to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in *United States of America v. George Patrick Calboon*. **Pages S2445–46**

Gas Tax Repeal: Senate began consideration of S. 2285, instituting a Federal fuels tax holiday. **Pages S2432–33**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, April 11, 2000. **Page S2432**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service and Coast Guard. **Pages S2446–47**

Messages From the House: **Page S2438**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2438–41**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2442–44**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S2434–38**

Record Votes: Fifteen record votes were taken today. (Total—79) **Pages S2385, S2388, S2390–91, S2393, S2395, S2400, S2402, S2406–08, S2412–14, S2429**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 :02 a.m., and adjourned at 3:45 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, April 10, 2000. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2446.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session. Its next meeting is on Monday, April 10.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—OMB

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on “The Office of Management and Budget: Is OMB Fulfilling its Mis-

sion?”. Testimony was heard from Jacob Lew, Director, OMB; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

OIL INDUSTRY SOLUTIONS TO COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Concluded oversight hearings on Solutions to Competitive Problems in the Oil Industry: Part 2. Testimony was heard from Robert Gee, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; Richard Blumenthal, Attorney