

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2269–S2321

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 527–537, and S. Res. 60. **Pages S2305–06**

Measures Reported:

S. 143, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–3) **Page S2305**

Bankruptcy Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 420, to amend title 11, United States Code, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2273–97, S2299–S2300**

Adopted:

Carnahan Amendment No. 40, to ensure additional expenses associated with home energy costs are included in the debtor's monthly expenses. **Pages S2273, S2274**

Rejected:

Wyden Amendment No. 78, to provide for the nondischargeability of debts arising from the exchange of electric energy. (By 67 yeas to 30 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 26), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2273–76**

Smith (OR)/Wyden Amendment No. 95 (to Amendment No. 78), of a perfecting nature. (Amendment No. 95 fell when Amendment No. 78 (listed above) was tabled.) **Pages S2273, S2275**

Reid (for Durbin) Amendment No. 93, in the nature of a substitute. (By 64 yeas to 35 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 27), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2273, S2288–91, S2293–95**

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 36, to disallow certain claims and prohibit coercive debt collection practices. (By 58 yeas to 41 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 28), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2273, S2279–84, S2291–93, S2295–96**

Withdrawn:

Wellstone Amendment No. 37, to provide that imports of semifinished steel slabs shall be consid-

ered to be articles like or directly competitive with taconite pellets for purposes of determining the eligibility of certain workers for trade adjustment assistance under the Trade Act of 1974. **Pages S2273, S2284–85**

Hatch Amendment No. 96 (to Amendment No. 93), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S2288–90**

Pending:

Leahy Amendment No. 20, to resolve an ambiguity relating to the definition of current monthly income. **Pages S2273, S2299**

Wellstone Amendment No. 35, to clarify the duties of a debtor who is the plan administrator of an employee benefit plan. **Page S2273**

Kennedy Amendment No. 38, to allow for reasonable medical expenses. **Page S2273**

Collins Amendment No. 16, to provide family fishermen with the same kind of protections and terms as granted to family farmers under chapter 12 of the bankruptcy laws. **Page S2273**

Leahy Modified Amendment No. 41, to protect the identity of minor children in bankruptcy proceedings. **Pages S2273, S2299**

Reid (for Breaux) Amendment No. 94, to provide for the reissuance of a rule relating to ergonomics. **Page S2273**

Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 19, to correct the treatment of certain spousal income for purposes of means testing. **Pages S2279, S2297**

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

By 80 yeas to 19 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 29), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S2296–97**

Leahy Amendment No. 20 (listed above) was modified and then later the modification was vitiated. **Page S2299**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for votes to occur on Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 19 and Leahy Modified Amendment No. 41 (both listed above), beginning at 12 noon, on Thursday, March 15, 2001. **Page S2299**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30

a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2001, with Senator Wellstone being recognized to offer certain amendments to be proposed thereto. Further, at 10:30 a.m., Senator Kohl will be recognized to offer an amendment relating to the Homestead provision, with a vote to occur thereon. **Pages S2299–S2300**

Appointments:

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed Senators Baucus, Levin, Feinstein, and Dorgan to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China. **Page S2321**

Executive Communications: **Page S2305**

Messages From the House: **Page S2305**

Measures Referred: **Page S2305**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S2307–19**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2306–07**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S2320**

Additional Statements: **Pages S2303–05**

Notices of Hearings: **Page S2321**

Authority for Committees: **Page S2321**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—29) **Pages S2276, S2295–97**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 15, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2321.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded closed hearings to review intelligence programs, after receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Keith Hall, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; and Gen. Michael Hayden, Director, National Security Agency, and Vice Adm. Thomas Wilson, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, both of the Department of Defense.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

INTERNET TAX MORATORIUM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine whether to extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act's moratorium on the ability of state or local governments to impose new sales taxes on Internet access services, or to impose new taxes on electronic commerce allowing states to require all remote sellers to collect and remit sales taxes on deliveries into that state, after receiving testimony from Wyoming Governor Jim Geringer, Cheyenne, on behalf of the National Governors Association; Massachusetts Lt. Governor Jane Swift, Boston; Elizabeth Harchenko, Oregon Department of Revenue, Salem, on behalf of the Multistate Tax Commission; Frank G. Julian, Federated Department Stores, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of the Internet Tax Fairness Coalition; Peter Lowy, Westfield America, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the e-Fairness Coalition; Robert D. Comfort, Amazon.com, Seattle, Washington; and Jeff Dirksen, National Taxpayers Union, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee approved their fiscal year 2002 budgetary views and estimates on programs which fall within the jurisdiction of the committee and agreed on recommendations it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

CHARITABLE GIVING TAX RELIEF

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings on the President's tax proposals to provide tax relief to working families, focusing on proposals to expand federal tax incentives for charitable giving, including S. 35, to provide relief to America's working families and to promote continued economic growth by returning a portion of the tax surplus to those who created it, S. 37, to provide for a charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory, S. 205, to waive the income inclusion on a distribution from an individual retirement account to the extent that the distribution is contributed for charitable purposes, S. 298, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow non-itemizers a deduction for a portion of their charitable contributions, S. 312, to provide tax relief for farmers and fishermen, and S. 393, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage charitable contributions to public charities for use in medical research, receiving testimony from Senator Lugar; Rev. Floyd H. Flake, Allen Episcopal Methodist Church, Jamaica, New York; Douglas O'Brien, America's Second Harvest, Chicago, Illinois; Mary Sue Coleman, University of Iowa, Iowa City; and C. Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, John P. Walters, Philanthropy Roundtable, and Donald C.