

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 247, Tornado Shelters Act, to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

House committee ordered reported the Marriage Penalty and Family Tax Relief Act of 2001.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2681–S2794*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 593–602, S. Res. 62–63, and S.J. Res. 10. **Page S2730**

#### Measures Passed:

**Competitive Market Supervision Act:** Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Gramm Amendment No. 142, to require a study to be conducted by the Securities and Exchange Commission for the purpose of determining the extent to which reductions in fees are passed on to investors.

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Gramm Amendment No. 143, to provide for a demonstration project under title 5, United States Code, relating to compensation of employees of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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**National Safe Place Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 25, designating the week beginning March 18, 2001 as “National Safe Place Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Campaign Finance Reform:** Senate continued consideration of S. 27, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan cam-

paigned reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2682–88, S2690–S2717**

#### Adopted:

Cochran Modified Amendment No. 137, to provide for increased disclosure of election-related reports and information. **Pages S2686, S2690–91**

Wyden Modified Amendment No. 138, to provide that the lowest unit rate for campaign advertising shall not be available for communications in which a candidate directly references an opponent of the candidate unless the candidate does so in person.

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By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 45), McConnell (for Nickles/Gregg) Amendment No. 139, to strike section 304, with respect to the codification of the Beck Decision, regarding nonunion member payments to labor unions. **Pages S2698–S2703**

Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 124, to develop standards for software, and to make software meeting such standards available to candidates for election to Federal office for filing disclosure reports in electronic form and making receipts and disbursements available to the public on the Internet.

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#### Rejected:

Hatch Amendment No. 136, to add a provision to require disclosure to shareholders and members regarding use of funds for political activities. (By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 44), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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#### Pending:

Specter Amendment No. 140, to provide findings regarding the current state of campaign finance laws and to clarify the definition of electioneering communication.

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Helms Amendment No. 141, to require labor organizations to provide notice to members concerning

their rights with respect to the expenditure of funds for activities unrelated to collective bargaining.

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A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Helms Amendment No. 141 (listed above) to the bill at 8:45 a.m., on Friday, March 23, 2001, with a vote to occur thereon at approximately 9 a.m. Page S2714

**Constitutional Amendment—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached that, pursuant to the agreement of February 7 with respect to S.J. Res. 4, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections, the Senate proceed to that resolution on Monday, March 26, 2001, at 2 p.m. Further, that final passage of the resolution occur on Monday at 6 p.m.

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

Faryar Shirzad, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Michele A. Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Andrew S. Natsios, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Larry D. Thompson, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

Tim S. McClain, of California, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

44 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

8 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy.

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**Executive Communications:** Pages S2729–30

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**Additional Statements:** Pages S2727–28

**Authority for Committees:** Page S2785

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—45) Pages S2686, S2703

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 8:45 a.m., on Friday, March 23, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the

Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2793.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded oversight hearings to review activities of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, focusing on allegations of corruption in the meat inspection program in the New York City metropolitan area, after receiving testimony from Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, and Thomas J. Billy, Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, both of the Department of Agriculture.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION—MILITARY STRATEGY AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements, after receiving testimony from Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, United States European Command; and Gen. Tommy R. Franks, USA, Commander-in-Chief, United States Central Command.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 149, to provide authority to control exports, with amendments.

### DEBT MANAGEMENT

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings to examine management activities of the Department of the Treasury with respect to paying off the publicly held debt by the year 2011, and related international economic and financial implications, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, former Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance, and Edwin M. Truman, Institute for International Economics, both of Chevy Chase, Maryland; F. Ward McCarthy, Jr., Stone & McCarthy Research Associates, Princeton, New Jersey; and Albert M. Wojnilower, Craig Drill Capital, New York, New York.

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CONCESSIONS MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation,