

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3461–S3636

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 701–723, and S. Res. 66–67. **Pages S3530–31**

Measures Reported:

S. 219, to suspend for two years the certification procedures under section 490(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 in order to foster greater multi-lateral cooperation in international counternarcotics programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3529**

Measures Passed:

Commending Duke University Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 67, commending the Blue Devils of Duke for winning the 2001 NCAA championship. **Pages S3633–34**

Mad Cow Disease Prevention: Senate passed S. 700, to establish a Federal interagency task force for the purpose of coordinating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as “mad cow disease”) and foot-and-mouth disease in the United States, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3634–36**

Domenici (for Hatch) Amendment No. 350, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3634–36**

Congressional Budget Resolution: Senate continued consideration of H. Con. Res. 83, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2011, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3462–S3525**

Adopted:

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 74), Collins Amendment No. 190 (to Amendment No. 170), to establish a reserve fund to eliminate further cuts in Medicare payments to home health agencies. **Pages S3462–64**

Smith (Or.)/Wyden Amendment No. 240 (to Amendment No. 170), to increase mandatory spending in the Health function by \$28,000,000,000 over Fiscal Year 2002, Fiscal Year 2003, and Fiscal Year 2004 for proposals that would expand health insurance coverage to the uninsured, targeting funding for those who need it most, combining public and private coverage options to efficiently target the uninsured, avoiding creating new bureaucracies, promoting state flexibility, protecting employer-based coverage systems, providing a meaningful, affordable health insurance benefit to the uninsured, emphasizing enrollment and not just eligibility, and without taking funding from the HI Trust Fund. **Pages S3475–79**

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 75), Domenici Amendment No. 345 (to Amendment No. 170), to provide for reconciliation of revenue reductions in the Senate. **Pages S3498–S3517**

Bennett Modified Amendment No. 216 (to Amendment No. 170), to call for a quick stimulus for the American economy, linked to a long-term stimulus to guarantee economic expansion and job creation, and oppose a \$439 billion tax increase that would threaten economic growth. **Pages S3468–75, S3517**

Murkowski Amendment No. 346 (to Amendment No. 170), to increase natural resources, environment, energy and other spending to ensure full funding of the Land Conservation, Preservation, and Infrastructure Improvement Program; to help preserve the core operating budgets of the major environmental agencies to provide appropriate funding for activities related to enforcement of environmental statutes and setting of standards that protect natural resources and the public’s health; to address contaminated brownfield sites and urban sprawl and promote smart growth; to save wildlife habitat and endangered species; and to address water quality and infrastructure, global climate change, and energy security, resources and efficiency. **Pages S3518–19**

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 211 (to Amendment No. 170), to provide additional funds for basic science research programs of the National Science Foundation, NASA, and the Department of Energy. **Pages S3483–90, S3519**

Dodd Modified Amendment No. 322 (to Amendment No. 170), to increase discretionary funding for Early Learning, Child Care Development Block Grant, Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment, and Pediatric GME programs. **Pages S3490–91, S3519–20**

Frist Amendment No. 215 (to Amendment No. 170), to provide additional funds for the prevention, care and treatment of HIV/AIDS in Africa and other developing countries. **Pages S3479–81, S3517–18, S3520**

By 51 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 79), Hutchison Amendment No. 347 (to Amendment No. 170), to eliminate the marriage penalty tax. **Page S3521**

By 94 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 80), Hollings Amendment No. 225 (to Amendment No. 170), to provide for an \$85 billion tax rebate.

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By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 82), Breaux/Jeffords Amendment No. 348 (to Amendment No. 170), to increase funding for Individuals With Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S3523–24**

Domenici (for Byrd) Amendment No. 208 (to Amendment No. 170), to foster greater debate of amendments to a reconciliation bill or a budget resolution. **Page S3524**

Domenici (for Crapo/Murray) Amendment No. 289 (to Amendment No. 170), to ensure that the Department of Energy's Environmental Management program is funded at a level adequate to continue progress in waste treatment and management, site maintenance and closure, environmental restoration, and technology development, while meeting its legally binding compliance commitments to the states, the Atomic Energy Defense Account is increased by \$1 billion in fiscal year 2002. **Page S3524**

Domenici (for Bond) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 170), to provide funds for consolidated health centers under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act and for children's hospitals graduate medical education programs under section 340E of such Act. **Pages S3524–25**

Domenici (for Grassley/Kennedy) Amendment No. 237 (to Amendment No. 170), to establish a reserve fund for the Family Opportunity Act. **Page S3525**

Subsequently, adoption of Amendment No. 237 (listed above) was vitiated. **Page S3525**

Domenici (for Reid) Amendment No. 256, to establish a reserve fund for the payment of retired pay and compensation to disabled military retirees. **Page S3525**

Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 73), Stabenow/Johnson Amendment No. 191 (to Amendment No. 170), to eliminate further cuts in Medicare payments to home health agencies. **Pages S3462–64**

By 39 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 76), Durbin Amendment No. 202 (to Amendment No. 170), to

call for immediate action by the United States Senate on passage of an Economic Stimulus Package in FY01 and to provide for further tax cuts in Fiscal Years 2002–11 as part of a fiscally responsible budget that ensures maximum feasible debt reduction. **Pages S3465–70, 3517**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 77), Corzine Amendment No. 257 (to Amendment No. 170), to increase natural resources, environment, energy and other spending to ensure full funding of the Land Conservation, Preservation, and Infrastructure Improvement Program; to help preserve the core operating budgets of the major environmental agencies to provide appropriate funding for activities related to enforcement of environmental statutes and setting of standards that protect natural resources and the public's health; to address contaminated brownfield sites and urban sprawl and promote smart growth; to save wildlife habitat and endangered species; and to address water quality and infrastructure, global climate change, and energy security, resources and efficiency. **Pages S3481–83, 3519**

By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 83), Collins Amendment No. 349 (to Amendment No. 170), to provide tax credits for small business to purchase health insurance for their employees and to provide for the deductibility of health insurance for the self-employed and those who don't receive health insurance from their employers and for long-term care. **Pages S3523–24**

Pending:

Domenici Amendment No. 170, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3462–S3525**

Motion to reconsider the vote by which Harkin Amendment No. 185 (to Amendment No. 170), listed above, was agreed to. **Page S3462**

Wellstone Amendment No. 269 (to Amendment No. 170), to increase discretionary funding for veterans medical care by \$1.718 billion in 2002 and each year thereafter to ensure that veterans have access to quality medical care. **Pages S3495–98**

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

By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 78), 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 Voinovich Amendment No. 288 (to Amendment No. 170), to improve the fiscal discipline of the budget process by creating a point of order against emergency spending that does not meet the definition of an emergency requirement. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S3490–91, S3520**

By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 81), 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 Allen/Brownback Amendment No. 201 (to Amendment No. 170), to provide for a tax cut accelerator. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the concurrent resolution on Friday, April 6, 2001, with votes to occur on or in relation to certain amendments, including Domenici Amendment No. 170, in the nature of a substitute, and final adoption of the concurrent resolution.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on Wellstone Amendment No. 269 (to Amendment No. 170), listed above, to occur at 9:30 a.m.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

William Howard Taft IV, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

Argeo Paul Cellucci, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Canada. A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Victoria Clarke, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

Kristine Ann Iverson, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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Record Votes: Eleven record votes were taken today. (Total—83)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 10:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, April 6, 2001. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3568.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS AND ENERGY POLICY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety resumed hearings to examine the interaction between United States environmental regulations and energy policy, and specific policy questions regarding the oil and gas sector, receiving testimony from New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, New York, New York; Robert L. Hirsch, Annapolis Center for Science Based Public Policy, Arlington, Virginia; Thomas E. Stewart, Ohio Oil and Gas Association, Grandville, on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of America; Jason S. Grumet, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, Boston, Massachusetts; Bob Slaughter, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, Taylor R. Bowlden, American Highway Users Alliance, Washington, D.C.; and Carlos J. Porras, Communities for a Better Environment, Huntington Park, California.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

TAX SCAMS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the spread of tax scams by con artists by way of the Internet, including pure trusts, constitutional trusts, compensation for slaves’ descendants, and church creation, and how to stop the practice and protect taxpayers, receiving testimony from Charles Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Hugh G. Stevenson, Associate Director, Division of Planning and Information, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, General Accounting Office; Aaron Bazar, global-prosperity.com, North Potomac, Maryland; JJ MacNab, deathandtaxes.com, Bethesda, Maryland; Robert L. Sommers, taxprophet.com, San Francisco, California; Jay D. Adkisson, Quatloos.com, Irvine, California; and Joseph G. Hodges, Jr., Denver, Colorado.

Hearings recessed subject to call.