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# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 622, the Hope for Children Act, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5101–5182*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 906–914, S. Con. Res. 38–40. **Page S5118**

**Measures Reported:**

Special Report entitled “Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 106th Congress by the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs”. (S. Rept. No. 107–17) **Page S5117**

**Elementary and Secondary Education Act Authorization:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5025–26**

**Adopted:**

By 76 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 111), Voinovich Amendment No. 443 (to Amendment No. 358), to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers. **Pages S5027–28**

**Rejected:**

By 34 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 110), Dayton Modified Amendment No. 622 (to Amendment No. 358), to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to fully fund 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure for programs under part B of such Act. **Pages S5026–27**

**Pending:**

Jeffords Amendment No. 358, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5025–26**

Kennedy (for Dodd) Amendment No. 382 (to Amendment No. 358), to remove the 21st century

community learning center program from the list of programs covered by performance agreements.

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Biden Amendment No. 386 (to Amendment No. 358), to establish school-based partnerships between local law enforcement agencies and local school systems, by providing school resource officers who operate in and around elementary and secondary schools.

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Voinovich Amendment No. 389 (to Amendment No. 358), to modify provisions relating to State applications and plans and school improvement to provide for the input of the Governor of the State involved.

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Reed Amendment No. 425 (to Amendment No. 358), to revise provisions regarding the Reading First Program.

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Leahy (for Hatch) Amendment No. 424 (to Amendment No. 358), to provide for the establishment of additional Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

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Helms Amendment No. 574 (to Amendment No. 358), to prohibit the use of Federal funds by any State or local educational agency or school that discriminates against the Boy Scouts of America in providing equal access to school premises or facilities.

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Helms Amendment No. 648 (to Amendment No. 574), in the nature of a substitute.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 640 (to Amendment No. 358), expressing the sense of the Senate that there should be established a joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives to investigate the rapidly increasing energy prices across the country and to determine what is causing the increases.

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Wellstone/Feingold Amendment No. 465 (to Amendment No. 358), to improve the provisions relating to assessment completion bonuses. **Page S5026**

Hutchinson Modified Amendment No. 555 (to Amendment No. 358), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Department of Education program to promote access of Armed Forces recruiters to student directory information. **Page S5026**

Bond Modified Amendment No. 476 (to Amendment No. 358), to strengthen early childhood parent education programs. **Page S5026**

Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 369 (to Amendment No. 358), to specify the purposes for which funds provided under subpart 1 of part A of title I may be used. **Page S5026**

**Tax Relief Reconciliation:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 1836, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S5028–5100**

Adopted:

Grassley/Baucus Amendment No. 650, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5030**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 112), Conrad Amendment No. 654, to accelerate the elimination of the marriage penalty in the standard deduction and 15-percent bracket and to modify the reduction in the marginal rate of tax. **Pages S5042–58**

By 27 yeas to 73 nays (Vote No. 113), Hutchison Amendment No. 659, to begin the phase-in of the elimination of the marriage penalty in the standard deduction in 2002 and to offset the revenue loss.

**Pages S5049–58**

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 114), Schumer Amendment No. 669, to increase the deduction for higher education expenses for certain taxpayers and to increase the tax credit for student loan interest.

**Pages S5059–61, S5062–72, S5075–76**

Pending:

Fitzgerald Amendment No. 670, to provide that no Federal income tax shall be imposed on amounts received by victims of the Nazi regime or their heirs or estates. **Pages S5061–62**

Gregg Amendment No. 656, to provide a temporary reduction in the maximum capital gains rate from 20 percent to 15 percent. **Pages S5072–73**

Carnahan/Daschle Amendment No. 674, to provide a marginal tax rate reduction for all taxpayers.

**Pages S5073–75, S5083**

Collins/Warner Amendment No. 675, to provide an above-the-line deduction for qualified professional development expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers and to allow a credit against income

tax to elementary and secondary school teachers who provide classroom materials. **Pages S5077–83**

Rockefeller Amendment No. 679, to delay the reduction of the top income tax rate for individuals until a real Medicare prescription drug benefit is enacted. **Pages S5083–86**

Bayh Modified Amendment No. 685, to preserve and protect the surpluses by providing a trigger to delay tax reductions and mandatory spending increases and limit discretionary spending if certain deficit targets are not met over the next 10 years.

**Pages S5086–93**

Landrieu Amendment No. 686, to expand the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

**Pages S5093–95**

Graham Amendment No. 687, of a perfecting nature.

**Pages S5095–97**

Graham Amendment No. 688, to provide a reduction in State estate tax revenues in proportion to the reduction in Federal estate tax revenues.

**Pages S5097–5100**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, pending amendments, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, at 9:30 a.m., on Monday, May 21, 2001, with votes to occur thereon, beginning at 6 p.m.

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#### Appointments:

*NATO Parliamentary Assembly:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the First Session of the 107th Congress, to be held in Vilnius, Lithuania, May 27–31, 2001: Senators Voinovich, Sarbanes, Mikulski, and Durbin.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

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

William J. Haynes II, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

John E. Robson, of California, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

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

Robert E. Fabricant, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Allen Frederick Johnson, of Iowa, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

George L. Argyros, Sr., of California, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra.

Howard H. Baker, Jr., of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Japan.

Sam E. Haddon, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana.

Richard F. Cebull, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana.

Donald Burnham Ensenat, of Louisiana, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service.

<b>Executive Communications:</b>	<b>Pages S5116–17</b>
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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—114) **Pages S5027, S5028, S5058, S5058, S5076**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 11:28 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, May 18, 2001, for a pro forma session. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5100.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AGRICULTURE MARKET CONCENTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine factors contributing to consolidation and concentration in the food production and marketing system, present data on recent structural trends in the food system, including farm inputs, farm production, transportation, processing, merchandising, and retailing, and economic issues that have been raised regarding increasing levels of concentration in the food production and marketing system, after receiving testimony from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, and JoAnn Waterfield,

Deputy Administrator, Packers and Stockyards Programs, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, both of the Department of Agriculture; John M. Nannes, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller, Des Moines; Jon Caspers, Swaledale, Iowa, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Mark D. Dopp, American Meat Institute, Arlington, Virginia; William P. Roenigk, National Chicken Council, Washington, D.C.; David S. Reiff, Reiff Grain and Feed, Inc., Fairfield, Iowa, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association; Thomas F. Stokes, Organization for Competitive Markets, Lincoln, Nebraska; J. Dudley Butler, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, Yazoo City; Robert Carlson, Glenburn, North Dakota, on behalf of the North Dakota Farmers Union; Peter C. Carstensen, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison; Dan Kelley, Normal, Illinois, on behalf of GROWMARK; and David Reis, Window Hill, Illinois, on behalf of the Illinois Pork Producers Association.

### APPROPRIATIONS—FBI/DEA/INS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Donnie R. Marshall, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Kevin D. Rooney, Acting Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, all of the Department of Justice.

### APPROPRIATIONS—IRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of the Treasury, focusing on the Internal Revenue Service, after receiving testimony from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

### U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Export-Import Bank of United States, receiving testimony from Tom McKenna, Indiana Department of Commerce, Indianapolis; Peter Bowe, Ellicott Machinery Corporation International, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Liquid Waste Technology; E. Robert Meaney, Valmont Industries, Inc., Valley, Nebraska;