

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2646, Farm Aid bill.

The House passed H.R. 2356, Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S675–S792

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1937–1944, S. Res. 208–209, and S. Con. Res. 97. **Page S732**

Measures Reported:

S. 1857, to Encourage the Negotiated Settlement of Tribal Claims, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S.J. Res. 31, suspending certain provisions of law pursuant to section 258(a)(2) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

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Measures Passed:

Farm Aid: By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 30), Senate passed H.R. 2646, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1731, Senate companion measure, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 27), Reid (for Conrad) Amendment No. 2857 (to Amendment No. 2471), to express the Sense of the Senate that no Social Security surplus funds should be used to pay to make currently scheduled tax cuts permanent or for wasteful spending. **Pages S675–77**

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 28), Lugar (for Kyl/Nickles) Amendment No. 2850 (to Amendment No. 2471), to express the Sense of the Senate that the repeal of the estate tax should be made permanent by eliminating the sunset provision's applicability to the estate tax. **Pages S675–77**

Harkin (for Kerry/Snowe) Amendment No. 2852 (to Amendment No. 2471), to provide emergency disaster assistance for the commercial fishery failure with respect to Northeast multispecies fisheries.

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Harkin/Lugar Amendment No. 2859 (to Amendment No. 2471), to make certain improvements to Farm Aid. **Page S683**

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Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S675–83**

Rejected:

Lugar (for Domenici) Modified Amendment No. 2851 (to Amendment No. 2471), to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make payments to milk producers. (By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 29), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S675, S677–79**

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

Daschle motion to reconsider the vote (Vote No. 377—107th Congress, 1st Session) by which the second motion to invoke cloture on Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471 (listed above) was not agreed to, fell when H.R. 2646, listed above, was passed. **Page S675**

Pursuant to the order of February 7, 2002, Senate insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the House thereon. **Page S699**

Also, pursuant to the order of February 7, 2002, S. 1731 was returned to the Senate calendar.

Capitol Rotunda Holocaust Ceremony: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 325, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page S791**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 97, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page S791**

Election Reform: Senate began consideration of S. 565, to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, and to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S709–29**

Adopted:

Smith (NH) Amendment No. 2861 (to Amendment No. 2858), of a perfecting nature.

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Allard Amendment No. 2858, to clarify the standard for invalidation of ballots cast by absent uniformed services voters in Federal elections, to maximize the access of recently separated uniformed services voters to the polls, to prohibit the refusal of voter registration and absentee ballot applications on grounds of early submission, and to distribute copies of the Federal military voter laws to the States.

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Dodd/McConnell Amendment No. 2688, in the nature of a substitute.

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Dodd (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 2874, to treat absentee ballots and mail-in ballots in the same manner as other paper ballot voting systems under the voting systems standards and to ensure that voters are informed how to correct voting errors before a ballot is cast and counted.

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Schumer Amendment No. 2871, to specify how lever voting systems may meet the multilingual voting materials requirement.

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Schumer Amendment No. 2873, to require States and localities to mail a voter registration form to individuals who cast provisional ballots that were not counted.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:15 a.m., on Thursday, February 14, 2002.

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Reading of Washington's Farewell Address: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the Resolution of the Senate of January 24, 1901, as modified by the order of February 13, 2002, on Monday, February 25, 2002, immediately following the prayer and the disposition of the Journal, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place, and the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, was authorized to appoint Senator Corzine to perform this task.

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Budget and Deficit Control—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of S.J. Res. 31, suspending certain provisions of law pursuant to section 258(a)(2) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, with a vote to occur on passage of the joint resolution.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

John L. Howard, of Illinois, to be Chairman of the Special Panel on Appeals.

Dan Gregory Blair, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection

Agency. (Prior to this action, Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration.)

Morris X. Winn, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. (Prior to this action, Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration.)

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—30) Pages S677, S679, S799

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 14, 2002.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs, after receiving testimony from David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Reginald J. Brown, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; William A. Navas, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Michael L. Dominguez, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; SMA Jack L. Tilley, USA, Sergeant Major of the Army; SM Alford L. McMichael, USMC, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps; MCPON James L. Herdt, USN, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy; CMSGT Frederick J. Finch, USAF, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force; Craig W. Duehring, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs; Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis, ANG, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Maj. Gen. Craig Bambrough, USAR, Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command; VADM John B. Totushek, USNR, Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve Force; Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, USAF, Chief, Air Force Reserve; and Lt. Gen. Dennis M. McCarthy, USMCR, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve.