

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.

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Mel Martinez, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Sheila Crowley, National Low Income Housing Coalition, Washington, D.C.; Joseph F. Reilly, JP Morgan Chase Community Development Group, New York, New York, on behalf of the National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders; and Thomas L. Jones, Habitat for Humanity International, Americus, Georgia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered unfavorably reported 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.

2003 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee resumed hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003 and revenue proposals, focusing on the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

EPA 2003 BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill establishing Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2002.

SECTORAL TRADE DISPUTES

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine sectoral trade disputes concerning lumber and steel, focusing on open and fair competition in international markets, receiving testimony from Grant D. Aldonas, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Peter Allgeier, Deputy United States Trade Representative; Bobby Rayburn, National Association of Home Builders, Rodger Schlickeisen, Defenders of Wildlife, and Jon E. Jenson, Consuming Industries Trade Action Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.; W. J. Wood, Tolleson Lumber Company, Perry, Georgia, on behalf of the Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports; Thomas J. Usher, United States Steel Corporation, and Leo W. Gerard, United Steelworkers of America, both of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Daniel R. DiMicco, Nucor Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina; Gary C. Hill, National

Metalwares, Aurora, Illinois, on behalf of the Emergency Committee for American Trade; and Joseph Cannon, Geneva Steel, Vineyard, Utah.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

HIV/AIDS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine bilateral and multilateral responses to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, focusing on new prevention tools including microbicides, treatment and care of people living with HIV/AIDS, and mitigation of current and future social and economic impacts of the epidemic, after receiving testimony from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Andrew Natsios, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; Paula J. Dobriansky, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs; Peter Piot, UNAIDS, Geneva, Switzerland; Princeton Lyman, Aspen Institute, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Center for Strategic and International Studies Task Force on HIV/AIDS; Sunanda Ray, Southern Africa HIV/AIDS Information Dissemination Service, Harare, Zimbabwe; and Peter Okalet, Medical Assistance Program International, Nairobi, Kenya.

DIAMOND TRADE

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the implementation and enforcement of the Kimberly Process Agreement (to ban the source of income from illicit diamonds), after receiving testimony from Senators DeWine, Feingold, and Gregg; John E. Leigh, Ambassador of Sierra Leone to the United States; Joseph H. Melrose, Jr., former U.S. Ambassador to Sierra Leone; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, General Accounting Office; Alan W. Eastham, Special Negotiator for Conflict Diamonds, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State; Timothy Skud, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Regulatory, Tariff, and Trade Enforcement; and James Mendenhall, Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Trade Representative.

GENETIC DISCRIMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine the existing laws and proposed legislation necessary to protect genetic information, in order to prevent genetic discrimination that may lead to loss of health insurance or employment discrimination, including S. 318/S. 382, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance, after receiving testimony from Cari M. Dominguez, Chairman, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Bobby P. Jindal, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Planning and Evaluation; Debra L. Ness, National Partnership for Women and Families, Joanne L. Husted,

Georgetown University Institute for Health Care Research and Policy, Andrew J. Imparato, American Association of People with Disabilities, all of Washington, D.C.; and Ronald L. Adler, Laurden Associates, Inc., Potomac, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1857, to Encourage the Negotiated Settlement of Tribal Claims.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the implementation and reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), after receiving testimony from Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Office of Public and Indian Housing; Kelsey A. Begaye, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Robert Gauthier, Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority, Pablo, Montana; Chester Carl, Coalition for Indian Housing and Development, Washington, D.C.; and Joe Garcia, National Congress of American Indians, San Juan Pueblo, New Mexico.

BASEBALL ANTITRUST EXEMPTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the application of federal antitrust laws to Major League Baseball, receiving testimony from Senators Wellstone, Nelson, and Dayton; Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth, Tallahassee; Minnesota Deputy Attorney General Lori R. Swanson, St. Paul; Robert A. DuPuy, Major League Baseball, and Donald M. Fehr, Major League Baseball Players Association, both of New York, New York; and Stanley M. Brand, Minor League Baseball, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

CYBER TERROR ATTACK

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts met to receive a briefing on issues surrounding potential threats of cyber terror attacks from Richard A. Clarke, Special Advisor to the President for Cyberspace Security, and Chairman of the President's Infrastructure Board.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters, made no announcements, and recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 3731–3757; 3 private bills, H.R. 3758–3760; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 328–330, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 347, providing for consideration of the Senate Amendments to H.R. 622, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit (H. Rept. 107–359).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Culberson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, Feb. 12 by a yea-and-nay vote of 378 yeas to 40 nays, Roll No. 17.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Lewis of Georgia motion to adjourn by recorded vote of 13 yeas to 405 noes, Roll No. 18.

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Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 2356, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan cam-

paign reform by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 34.

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Agreed to the Meehan motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on House Administration with instructions to report it back forthwith to the House with an amendment that prohibits any soft money to be used to pay to any debts or obligations incurred for any hard money activities. Subsequently, the Committee on House Administration reported the bill back with the amendment, and the amendment was then agreed to.

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Agreed To:

Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute No. 9, printed in the Congressional Record of Feb. 12 that bans soft money beginning Nov. 6, 2002 and provides a transition rule for spending funds prior to Jan. 1, 2003 by national parties to retire outstanding debts or obligations (agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 191 noes, Roll No. 21);

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Green of Texas amendment No. 11, printed in the Congressional Record of Feb. 12 that strikes section 305 which had guaranteed special television media rates for candidates (agreed to by a recorded vote of 327 yeas to 101 noes, Roll No. 23);

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