

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 622, Economic Security and Worker Assistance Act, with amendments.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S793–S878

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1945–1956, and S. Res. 210. **Pages S852–53**

Measures Reported:

S. 980, to provide for the improvement of the safety of child restraints in passenger motor vehicles, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–137) **Page S852**

Measures Passed:

Economic Recovery/Unemployment Compensation: Senate passed H.R. 3090, to provide tax incentives for economic recovery, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S841–42**

Daschle Amendment No. 2896, in the nature of a substitute, to provide for a program of temporary extended unemployment compensation. **Pages S841–42**

National Donor Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 210, designating February 14, 2002, as “National Donor Day”. **Page S877**

Measure Rejected:

Budget and Deficit Control: Senate rejected 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. **Page S877**

Election Reform: Senate continued 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:

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Adopted:

McConnell Amendment No. 2892 (to Amendment No. 2891), to permit the use of social security numbers for the purposes of voter registration and election administration. **Pages S809–11, S829–30**

Kyl Amendment No. 2891, to permit the use of social security numbers for the purposes of voter registration and election administration. **Pages S809–11, S829, S832**

McConnell (for Chafee/Reed) Amendment No. 2908, to clarify that States and localities with multi-year contracts are eligible to apply for grants under the Act. **Page S835**

McConnell (for Gregg) Amendment No. 2909, to ensure that States that are exempt from the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 continue to remain exempt from such Act. **Page S835**

McConnell (for McCain/Harkin) Amendment No. 2910, modifying certain provisions with respect to the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board. **Page S835**

Rejected:

By 31 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 31), Reid/Specter Amendment No. 2879, to secure the Federal voting rights of certain qualified persons who have served their sentences. **Pages S797–S809**

By 44 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 32), Durbin Amendment No. 2895, to eliminate the special treatment of punchcard voting systems under the voting system standards. **Pages S813–20**

By 46 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 33), Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 2890, to authorize administrative leave for Federal employees to perform poll worker service in Federal elections. **Pages S823–26, S832**

By 40 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 34), Burns Amendment No. 2887, to clarify the ability of election officials to remove registrants from official list of voters on grounds of change of residence.

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Withdrawn:

Lieberman/Feingold Amendment No. 2889, to provide for full voting representation in Congress for the citizens of the District of Columbia, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that individuals who are residents of the District of Columbia shall be exempt from Federal income taxation until such full voting representation takes effect.

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Nelson (FL)/Graham Amendment No. 2904, to require the Attorney General to submit to Congress reports on the investigation of the Department of Justice regarding violations of voting rights in the 2000 elections for Federal office.

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Pending:

Clinton Amendment No. 2906, to establish a residual ballot performance benchmark.

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Dayton Amendment No. 2898, to establish a pilot program for free postage for absentee ballots cast in elections for Federal office.

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Dodd (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2912, to provide funds for protection and advocacy systems of each State to ensure full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities.

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Dodd (for Harkin/McCain) Amendment No. 2913, to express the sense of the Congress that curbside voting should be only an alternative of last resort when providing accommodations for disabled voters.

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Dodd (for Schumer) Modified Amendment No. 2914, to permit the use of a signature or personal mark for the purpose of verifying the identity of voters who register by mail.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of certain first degree amendments, subject to second degree amendments which are relevant to the amendment to which it is offered, that upon the disposition of all amendments, the bill be read a third time, and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, that upon passage, the title amendment be agreed to.

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

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Farm Bill—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that H.R. 2646, Farm Bill, be printed as passed by the Senate on Wednesday, February 13, 2002.

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National Laboratories Partnership Improvement Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 517, to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, at a time to be determined by the Majority and Republican Leaders.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

David L. Bunning, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

James E. Gritzner, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

Richard J. Leon, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Nancy Dorn, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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Messages From the House:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—34)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, February 15, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S878).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. COAST GUARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the U.S. Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Admiral James M. Loy, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the