

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S979–S1135*

**Measures Introduced:** One resolution was submitted, as follows: S.J. Res. 32. **Page S1004**

**Washington's Farewell Address:** Senator Corzine read Washington's Farewell Address. **Pages S979–84**

#### Measures Passed:

**Homeless Assistance:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3699, to revise certain grants for continuum of care assistance for homeless individuals and families, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Child Passenger Protection Act:** Senate passed S. 980, to provide for the improvement of the safety of child restraints in passenger motor vehicles, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**West Point Bicentennial Anniversary:** Senate passed S.J. Res. 32, congratulating the United States Military Academy at West Point on its bicentennial anniversary, and commending its outstanding contributions to the Nation.

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**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: **Pages S987–94**

Adopted:

Collins Amendment No. 2915, to provide an initial payment to States filing a State plan and sub-

mitting applications for the grant programs under title II. **Pages S988–89**

Dodd Modified Amendment No. 2922, to clarify that the criminal penalties retain the current specific intent standard contained in the underlying statutes. **Pages S989–91**

McConnell (for Lugar) Modified Amendment No. 2866, to ensure that Election Reform Incentive Grant Program funds may be used by States and localities to fund hotlines for voters to report possible voting fraud and voting rights abuses. **Pages S993–94**

McConnell (for Ensign) Modified Amendment No. 2900, to provide for a manual audit capacity that permits voters to verify their vote at the time it is cast and used as the official record for recounts. **Pages S993–94**

McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2865, to ensure that absentee ballots of overseas voters are collected regularly and returned to the United States in a timely manner. **Pages S993–94**

Dodd (for Hollings/Reid/Kohl) Modified Amendment No. 2894, to require the Election Administration Commission to study the advisability of establishing an election day holiday. **Pages S993–94**

Dodd (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 2926, to improve State recount and contest procedures in elections for Federal office. **Pages S993–94**

Pending:

Clinton Amendment No. 2906, to establish a residual ballot performance benchmark. **Page S987**

Dayton Amendment No. 2898, to establish a pilot program for free postage for absentee ballots cast in elections for Federal office. **Page S987**

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. **Page S987**

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. **Page S988**

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. **Page S988**

Dodd (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 2916, to clarify the application of the safe harbor provisions.

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

Reid (for Hollings) Amendment No. 2919, to require the Office of Election Administration to consult with the National Institute of Standards and Technology when promulgating or reviewing voting systems standards, adopted by the Senate on Friday, February 15, 2002, was modified.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Tuesday, February 26, 2002.

**Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Robert E. Blackburn, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, with a vote to occur thereon at 10 a.m.; followed by a vote on the nomination of Cindy K. Jor-

genson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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**Text of H.R. 2646, as Previously Passed:**  
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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 12 noon, and adjourned at 5:36 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, February 26, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1135).

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It has adjourned for the President's Birthday District Work Period. Pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 97, the House will meet Tuesday, February 26 at 2 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of February 13, 2002, p. D100)

H.J. Res. 82, recognizing the 91st birthday of Ronald Reagan. Signed on February 14, 2002. (Public Law 107–143)

S. 737, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 811 South Main Street in Yerington, Nevada, as the "Joseph E. Dini, Jr. Post Office". Signed on February 14, 2002. (Public Law 107–144)

S. 970, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39 Tremont Street, Paris Hill, Maine, as the Horatio King Post Office Building. Signed on February 14, 2002. (Public Law 107–145)

S. 1026, to designate the United States Post Office located at 60 Third Avenue in Long Branch, New Jersey, as the "Pat King Post Office Building". Signed on February 14, 2002. (Public Law 107–146)

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 26 through March 2, 2002

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 9:45 a.m., Senate will consider the nomination of Robert E. Blackburn, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, with a vote to occur thereon at 10 a.m.; followed by a vote on the nomination of Cindy K. Jorgenson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. Also, Senate will continue consideration of S. 565, Election Reform.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Special Committee on Aging:* February 27, to hold hearings to examine the shortage of geriatric trained health care professionals, 9 a.m., SD–628.