

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1407–S1430

Measures Introduced: Three bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1982–1984, S.J. Res. 33, and S. Res. 214–215. **Page S1421**

Election Reform: Senate resumed 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 S1414–17**

Withdrawn:

Schumer/Wyden Amendment No. 2937, to permit the use of a signature or personal mark for the purpose of verifying the identity of voters who register by mail. (By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 38), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

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Pending:

Clinton Amendment No. 2906, to establish a residual ballot performance benchmark. **Page S1414**

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 S1414**

Dodd (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 2916, to clarify the application of the safe harbor provisions. **Page S1414**

Hatch Amendment No. 2935, to establish the Advisor Committee on Electronic Voting and the Electoral Process, and to instruct the Attorney Gen-

eral to study the adequacy of existing electoral fraud statutes and penalties. **Page S1414**

Hatch Amendment No. 2936, to make the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 permanent. **Page S1414**

Smith (NH) Amendment No. 2933, to prohibit the broadcast of certain false and untimely information on Federal elections. **Page S1415**

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

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 40), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S1417**

Bond Amendment No. 2940 (to Amendment No. 2937), to permit the use of signature verification programs to verify the identity of individuals who register to vote by mail, fell when Amendment No. 2937 was withdrawn. **Page S1415**

Energy Policy Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further 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 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 5, 2002. **Page S1427**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Raymond L. Orbach, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

William Smith Taylor, of Alabama, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of four years. **Pages S1427, S1430**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert Patrick John Finn, of New York, to be Ambassador to Afghanistan.

Stephen Geoffrey Rademaker, of Delaware, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Arms Control).

Robert R. Rigsby, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Albert Casey, of Texas, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2009.

James B. Comey, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

Thomas A. Marino, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Patrick E. McDonald, of Idaho, to be United States Marshal for the District of Idaho for the term of four years.

John Edward Quinn, of Iowa, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Don Slazinik, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois for the term of four years

Kim Richard Widup, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Michael E. Toner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2007. **Page S1430**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—40) **Page S1417**

Adjournment: Senate met at 4 p.m., and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 5, 2002.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NURSING HOME ABUSE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine physical and sexual abuse in nursing homes by individuals entrusted with their care, focusing on improving coordination and oversight authorities among law enforcement and other agencies of jurisdiction in order to protect the elderly from such abuse, after receiving testimony from Leslie G. Aronovitz, Director, Health Care, Program Administration and Integrity Issues, General Accounting Office; Henry Blanco, Arizona Department of Economic Security, Phoenix, on behalf of the National Association of Adult Protective Services Administrators; Mark Malcolm, Pulaski County Coroner's Office, Little Rock, Arkansas; Charles A. Fuselier, St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office, St. Martinville, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Sheriff's Association; Delta Holloway, Western Health Care, Boise, Idaho, on behalf of the American Health Care Association; Bruce Love, Mill Creek, California; Barbara Becker, Evansville, Indiana; and Michael Peters, Orlando, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 3831–3838, were introduced. **Page H655**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 275, expressing the sense of the Congress that hunting seasons for migratory mourning doves should be modified so that individuals have a fair and equitable opportunity to hunt such birds (H. Rept. 107–362); and

H.R. 1883, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on water optimization in the Burnt River basin, Malheur River basin,

Owyhee River basin, and Powder River basin, Oregon (H. Rept. 107–363). **Page H655**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Florida to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H653**

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:03 p.m.