

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported the DOT Kids Implementation and Efficiency Act of 2002 and the Immigration Reform and Accountability Act of 2002.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2425–S2505

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2081–2088, and S. Res. 234–235. **Pages S2484–85**

Measures Passed:

Commending Capitol Hill Community: Senate agreed to S. Res. 187, commending the staffs of Members of Congress, the Capitol Police, the Office of the Attending Physician, and other members of the Capitol Hill community for their courage and professionalism following the release of anthrax in Senator Daschle's office. **Page S2504**

Energy Policy Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 517, to authorize funding for the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Dorgan/Murkowski Amendment No. 3087 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide technical assistance to States to identify areas with greatest energy resource potential and maximize energy efficiency.

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Bingaman (for Conrad) Amendment No. 3088 (to Amendment No. 2917), to direct the Secretary of Energy to conduct an assessment of wind energy resources and transmission capacity for wind energy.

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Bingaman (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3098 (to Amendment No. 2917), to require a National Academy of Sciences Study of renewable resources on the Outer Continental Shelf.

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Bingaman (for Kerry) Amendment No. 3099 (to Amendment No. 2917), to promote energy efficiency in small businesses. **Pages S2461–63**

Bingaman (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 3100 (to Amendment No. 2917), to include units of local government in the energy efficiency pilot program.

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Bingaman (for Conrad) Amendment No. 3101 (to Amendment No. 2917), to set a funding goal of \$100 million for research and development on wind power.

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Bingaman Amendment No. 3102 (to Amendment No. 2917), to clarify the requirement for the use of advanced meters in federal facilities. **Pages S2461–63**

Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 62), Craig Amendment No. 3047 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for consumer protections and electric reliability.

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Withdrawn:

Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 2989 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide regulatory oversight over energy trading markets and metals trading markets.

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Pending:

Daschle/Bingaman Further Modified Amendment No. 2917, in the nature of a substitute.

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Kerry/McCain Amendment No. 2999 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for increased average fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles and light trucks.

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Dayton/Grassley Amendment No. 3008 (to Amendment No. 2917), to require that Federal agencies use ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel in areas in which ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel are available.

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Lott Amendment No. 3028 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for the fair treatment of Presidential judicial nominees. **Page S2425**

Landrieu/Kyl Amendment No. 3050 (to Amendment No. 2917), to increase the transfer capability of electric energy transmission systems through participant-funded investment. **Page S2425**

Graham Amendment No. 3070 (to Amendment No. 2917), to clarify the provisions relating to the Renewable Portfolio Standard. **Page S2425**

Schumer/Clinton Amendment No. 3093 (to Amendment no. 2917), to prohibit oil and gas drilling activity in Finger Lakes National Forest, New York. **Pages S2453–54, S2457–61**

Durbin Amendment No. 3094 (to Amendment No. 2917), to establish a Consumer Energy Commission to assess and provide recommendations regarding energy price spikes from the perspective of consumers. **Pages S2454–57**

Dayton Amendment No. 3097 (to Amendment No. 2917), to require additional findings for FERC approval of an electric utility merger. **Pages S2463–65**

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

By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 61), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 2989 (to Amendment No. 2917) (listed above). **Page S2429**

Reid Modified Amendment No. 3081 (to Amendment No. 2989), in the nature of a substitute fell, when Amendment No. 2989 (listed above) was withdrawn. **Pages S2425, S2430**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 11, 2002. **Page S2505**

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 S2465–77**

Adopted:

Dodd/McConnell Amendment No. 3104, to modify the requirements for voters who register by mail. **Pages S2466–68**

Dodd (for Wyden) Amendment No. 3105, to modify the requirements for individuals who register to vote by mail. **Pages S2466–68**

Dodd (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 3106, to meet the needs of both military and civilian overseas voters by providing treatment more nearly equal to that of at-home voters. **Pages S2466–68**

McConnell (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3107, to establish the Advisory Committee on Electronic Voting and the Electoral Process, and to instruct the Attorney General to study the adequacy of existing electoral fraud statutes and penalties. **Page S2468**

McConnell (for Nickles) Amendment No. 3109, to provide for adequate technological security measures to prevent the unauthorized access of a certain computerized list. **Page S2471**

Dodd (for Levin) Amendment No. 3110, to permit voter information contained in a written affirmation to be used to verify the eligibility of an individual to vote in an election for Federal office, rather than the provisional ballot, for the purpose of determining whether that provisional ballot should be counted as a vote in that election. **Pages S2471–72**

McConnell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 3111, to permit States to coordinate the computerized statewide voter registration list with Federal records relating to death and identity. **Pages S2475–76**

McConnell (for Smith of NH) Amendment No. 3112, to provide for a study into the broadcasting of false election information. **Page S2476**

McConnell (for Thomas) Amendment No. 3113, to express the sense of the Senate regarding changes made to the electoral process and how such changes impact States. **Page S2476**

Withdrawn:

Clinton Amendment No. 2906, to establish a residual ballot performance benchmark. **Page S2465**

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 S2465**

Dodd (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 2916, to clarify the application of the safe harbor provisions. **Page S2465**

Hatch Amendment No. 2935, to establish the Advisory Committee on Electronic Voting and the Electoral Process, and to instruct the Attorney General to study the adequacy of existing electoral fraud statutes and penalties. **Page S2465**

Hatch Amendment No. 2936, to make the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 permanent. **Page S2465**

Smith (NH) Amendment No. 2933, to prohibit the broadcast of certain false and untimely information on Federal elections. **Page S2465**

Pending:

Roberts/McConnell Amendment No. 2907, to eliminate the administrative procedures of requiring election officials to notify voters by mail whether or not their individual vote was counted.

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Clinton Amendment No. 3108, to establish a residual ballot performance benchmark. Pages S2469–71

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the agreement of March 22 be modified to provide that all amendments remaining in order to the bill, first and any second degree, must be offered and debated during today's session; and that any votes ordered to occur with respect to these amendments be stacked to occur at a time to be determined by the two Leaders. Page S2503

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 11, 2002, with votes to occur on or in relation to the pending amendments (listed above). Page S2505

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Amendments Submitted: Pages S2491–S2503

Authority for Committees to Meet: Page S2503

Privilege of the Floor: Page S2503

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—62) Pages S2429, S2450

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:16 a.m., and adjourned at 8:24 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 11, 2002.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Committee held hearings to examine homeland security funding issues, focusing on federal funding support of state and local government security efforts, receiving testimony from Georgia Governor Roy E. Barnes, Atlanta, Michigan Governor John Engler, East Lansing, and Washington Governor Gary Locke, Olympia, all on behalf of the National Governors Association; Mayor Martin O'Malley, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; Mayor Michael Guido, Dearborn, Michigan, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Javier Gonzales, Santa Fe

County Commission, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Stephen Gale, University of Pennsylvania Political Science Department, Philadelphia; and Ashton B. Carter, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on technology for combating terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, after receiving testimony from Ronald M. Sega, Director, Defense Research and Engineering, Dale Klein, Assistant to the Secretary for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, and Stephen Younger, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, all of the Department of Defense; John H. Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and Robert E. Waldron, Assistant Deputy Administrator for Nonproliferation Research and Engineering, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the Department of Energy's Environmental Management program and the National Nuclear Security Administration's Defense Program and other weapons activities, after receiving testimony from Jessie H. Roberson, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, and Everet H. Beckner, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, and Ralph E. Erickson, Acting Associate Administrator for Facilities and Operations, both of the National Nuclear Security Administration, all of the Department of Energy.

SUPERFUND

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics, Risks, and Waste Management concluded hearings to examine the current status of the Superfund Program, focusing on Superfund site cleanups including changes in projected sites, impact on communities, and shifts in the funding composition, after receiving testimony from Senator Nelson (FL); Marianne Lamont Horinko, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Norma Lopez-Reid, City Council of Montebello, Montebello, California; Robert Spiegel, Edison Wetlands Association, Inc., Edison, New Jersey; Grant Cope, U.S. Public Interest Research