

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4333–S4395

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 698–707, S. Res. 97, and S. Con. Res. 29. **Pages S4375–76**

Measures Reported:

S. 15, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the payment of compensation for certain individuals with injuries resulting from the administration of smallpox countermeasures, to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States, and to improve immunization rates by increasing the distribution of vaccines and improving and clarifying the vaccine injury compensation program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4375**

Congressional Budget Resolution: Senate resumed consideration of S. Con. Res. 23, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2003 and for fiscal years 2005 through 2013, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Adopted:

By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 80), Frist (for Specter) Amendment No. 401, to increase discretionary health spending for fiscal year 2004 by \$2,800,000,000 and make an offsetting reduction in overall administrative expenses. **Page S4334**

Levin Amendment No. 372, to end the abusive use of offshore tax havens (ending tax advantages for corporate inversions and closing the Bermuda reinsurance loophole) and use half of the resulting revenues of \$4.7 billion over ten years to reduce the deficit and half to restore funding for education, with the education increases to be split evenly between IDEA, school construction and modernization, and after-school programs. **Pages S4337–39**

Reid Amendment No. 341, to increase new budget authority and outlays for National Defense (050) in order to permit phased-in concurrent receipt of retired pay and veterans' disability compensation for

veterans with service-connected disabilities rated at 60 percent or higher. **Pages S4339–40**

Gregg Amendment No. 414, to provide \$2 billion for education block grants to states to be allocated to local educational agencies for any of the purposes of the No Child Left Behind Act, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or Vocational Education Programs by reducing spending on other government programs by a commensurate amount. **Page S4343**

Nickles (for Campbell/Murkowski) Amendment No. 416, to make certain additional funds available for Native American health prevention and treatment programs. **Pages S4347–48**

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 93), Breaux Amendment No. 420, to redirect \$396 billion into a reserve fund to strengthen the Social Security trust funds over the long term. **Page S4356**

Feingold Amendment No. 422, to extend the pay-as-you-go requirement. **Pages S4357–58**

Murray Amendment No. 421, to increase funding to implement the No Child Left Behind Act in 2004. **Page S4358**

Dorgan Amendment No. 395, to increase budget authority and outlays in Function 450 (Community and Regional Development) and Function 500 (Education, Training, Employment, and Social Security) to establish a New Homestead Venture Capital Fund to make equity and near equity investments in start-up and expanding businesses located in high out-migration rural counties and to repay up to 50% of college loans (up to \$10,000) for recent graduates who live and work in such counties for five years, respectively; and to express the sense of the Senate that any economic stimulus or other revenue measure passed by Congress in the future should include tax incentives designed to address the devastating problem of chronic out-migration from rural communities in America's Heartland. **Pages S4358–59**

Kennedy Amendment No. 357, to increase the funds provided to expand coverage for the uninsured from the \$50 billion currently included in the budget resolution to the \$88 billion recommended in the President's budget and offset the cost by reducing the unreconciled portion of the tax cut. **Pages S4360–61**

Lugar Amendment No. 400, to increase spending in the foreign affairs account. **Pages S4363–65**

Schumer Amendment No. 285, to express the sense of the Senate that economic stimulus legislation enacted pursuant to the instructions contained in this concurrent resolution on the budget should include provisions to make higher education affordable. **Pages S4367–68**

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 102), Cantwell Amendment No. 382, to restore funding for programs under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. **Page S4369**

DeWine Amendment No. 354, to express the sense of the Senate concerning funding for children's graduate medical education. **Page S4369**

DeWine Amendment No. 355, to express the sense of the Senate that the programs authorized under the Crime Identification Technology Act of 1998 to improve the justice system will be fully funded at the levels authorized for each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2007. **Page S4370**

Nickles (for Hatch/Levin) Amendment No. 427, to express the sense of the Senate that of the functional totals in this resolution assume that up to \$20,000,000 from funds designated, but not obligated, for travel and administrative expenses, from drug interdiction activities should be used for drug addiction treatment programs that utilize substances that block the craving for heroin and that are newly approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration. **Pages S4370–71**

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 81), Daschle (for Lincoln) Amendment No. 324, to allow full access to Tricare for National Guard and Reserve personnel and their families on a continual basis, offset with reductions to the tax cut. **Pages S4335–36**

By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 82), Baucus Amendment No. 348, to ensure that a prescription drug benefit is available to all Medicare beneficiaries on an equal basis, including those who choose to remain in the current fee-for-service program. **Page S4336**

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 83), Conrad Amendment 411, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4337**

By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 84), Byrd Amendment No. 412, to foster greater debate in the Senate and to prevent further increases in the deficit by striking the reconciliation instructions to the Committee on Finance. **Page S4341**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 85), Kennedy Amendment No. 315, to ensure that the budget includes funds to extend temporary unemployment compensation benefits, provides benefits to the mil-

lion long-term unemployed Americans, and provides benefits to part-time and low-wage workers. **Page S4343**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 86), Dodd Amendment No. 415, to increase funding for after-school programs to the levels promised by the No Child Left Behind Act to serve 1.6 million more children in FY 2004 and to increase funding for Head Start to serve 80 percent of eligible 3- and 4-year-olds and increase the number of infants and toddlers served and for deficit reduction. **Pages S4346–47**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 87), Daschle Amendment No. 361, to fulfill the U.S. commitment to provide health care to American Indians and Alaska Natives. **Page S4347**

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 88), Leahy Amendment No. 318, to increase the level of funding in fiscal year 2004 for first responders by \$3,000,000,000 (to a total of \$6,500,000,000) to support their efforts to protect homeland security and prevent and respond to acts of terrorism, and to reduce tax reductions for taxpayers with annual incomes greater than \$300,000, and provide an additional \$3,000,000,000 for deficit reduction. **Page S4349**

By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 89), Harkin Amendment No. 396, to help rural health care providers and hospitals receive a fair reimbursement for services under Medicare by reducing tax cuts to the wealthiest income brackets. **Pages S4350–51**

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 90), Bingaman Amendment No. 417, to increase Mandatory Child Care Spending by \$4.6 billion over five years and \$9.1 billion over ten years by reducing the tax cut. **Page S4352**

By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 91), Dodd Amendment No. 419, to increase the budget authority for Federal "FIRE Act" grants and to express the sense of the Senate that from the total funding provided for Federal "FIRE Act" grants, not less than \$1,000,000,000 per year will be used for grants to local governments to hire additional firefighters and not less than \$750,000,000 per year for the purchase of firefighting equipment and training, and to provide for a reduction in the deficit. **Page S4353**

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 92), Clinton Amendment No. 418, to raise the caps and provide direct first responder funding to localities and for high threat areas through the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Domestic Preparedness in 2003 and 2004, to restore funding for the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Act ("Byrne Grant" program) and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program, and to reduce the

deficit, by reducing the size of newly proposed tax cuts. **Page S4355**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 94), Bunning Amendment No. 413, to repeal a 1993 tax increase on Social Security benefits. **Page S4357**

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 95), Carper Amendment No. 330, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4357**

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 96), Corzine Amendment No. 423, to provide increased funding for environmental protection and natural resources conservation. **Page S4360**

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 97), Lautenberg Amendment No. 408, to require polluters to pay for the cleanup of toxic waste sites by reinstating the original Superfund taxes. **Page S4362**

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 98), Clinton/Bingaman Amendment No. 424, to restore funding for vocational education to the fiscal year 2003 level for fiscal years 2004 through 2013. **Page S4363**

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 99), Harkin Amendment No. 425, to restore education funding. **Page S4366**

By 37 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 100), Kerry Amendment No. 397, to provide for a \$150 billion revenue stimulus for fiscal years 2003 and 2004 without adding to the long-term debt. **Page S4367**

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

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 101), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of the Bayh Amendment No. 426, to express the sense of the Senate on low income programs and the income tax on certain Social Security benefits. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S4368**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 26, 2003. **Page S4394**

Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1237(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, in consultation with the ranking members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Fi-

nance, appointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: C. Richard D'Amato of Maryland, for a term expiring December 31, 2005; Patrick A. Mulloy of Virginia, for a term expiring December 31, 2004; and William A. Reinsch of Maryland, for a term expiring December 31, 2003. **Page S4394**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Confirmed on Monday, March 24, 2003:

Gregory A. White, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

Thomas Dyson Hurlburt, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years.

Christina Pharo, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Dennis Arthur Williamson, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Richard Zenos Winget, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nevada for the term of four years. **Page S4331 (Record of 3-24-03)**

Executive Communications: **Page S4375**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S4378-4382**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S4382-94**

Record Vote: Twenty-three record votes were taken today. (Total—102) **Pages S4334-37, S4341, S4343, S4346-47, S4349-53, S4355-57, S4360, S4362-63, S4366-69**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 26, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4394.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AIR FORCE ACADEMY ALLEGATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine allegations of sexual assault at the United States Air Force Academy from James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force; and General John P. Jumper, Chief of Staff of the Air Force.