

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

- Senate agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2, Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act.
- Senate passed H.R. 2185, Unemployment Compensation Amendments.
- Senate passed H. J. Res. 51, Debt Limit Extension.
- Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 191, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7071–S7174

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1142–1159, S. Res. 154–157, and S. Con. Res. 47. **Pages S7134–35**

Measures Reported:

S. 1149, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide energy tax incentives. (S. Rept. No. 108–54) **Page S7134**

Measures Passed:

Unemployment Compensation Amendments: Senate passed H.R. 2185, to extend the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7110**

Debt Limit Extension: By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 202), Senate passed H. J. Res. 51, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 197), Baucus Amendment No. 833, to reduce the amount by which the statutory limit on the public debt is increased. **Pages S7089–S7110, S7110–15**

Daschle Amendment No. 834, to express the sense of the Senate that Social Security cost-of-living adjustments should not be reduced. (By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 198), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7094–95**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified to be placed in the form of a Senate resolution and that the resolution be adopted (S. Res. 155), listed below. **Pages S7095–97**

Kennedy Amendment No. 832, to extend the Temporary Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002, to provide additional weeks of temporary extended unemployment compensation for individuals who have exhausted such compensation, and to make extended unemployment benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act temporarily available for employees with less than 10 years of service. (By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 199), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7097–S7101**

Hollings Amendment No. 836, relative to the applicability of public debt limit to Social Security Trust Funds. (By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 201), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7106–10, S7110**

Dorgan Amendment No. 837, to impose limits on United States foreign debt. **Pages S7111–12**

Harkin Amendment No. 838, requiring estimates of certain decreases in Federal revenues for periods after the decrease is sunset. **Pages S7112–14**

Durbin Amendment No. 839, to require a CBO report on any new debt created by a budget resolution upon the reporting of that budget resolution. **Page S7114**

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

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 200), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Feingold Amendment No. 835, to extend the current-law pay-as-you-go requirement. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Pages S7101–05**

Subsequently, the measure was cleared for the President.

Protecting Social Security Beneficiaries: Senate agreed to S. Res. 155, protecting social security beneficiaries from COLA cuts. **Page S7115**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 191, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Pages S7162–63**

Animal Drug Use Fee Act: Senate passed S. 313, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S7165–71**

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Senate passed S. 858, to extend the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. **Page S7171**

Recognizing 140th Anniversary of Founding of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 136, recognizing the 140th anniversary of the founding of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and congratulating members and officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for the union's many achievements. **Page S7171**

Senate Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 156, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. United States Senate, et. al.* **Pages S7171–72**

Supporting Decent Homes: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 43, expressing the sense of Congress that Congress should participate in and support activities to provide decent homes for the people of the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7172**

Support For World Trade Organization (WTO) Efforts: Senate agreed to S. Res. 154, expressing the support of the Senate of United States efforts in the World Trade Organization to end the unwarranted moratorium imposed by the European Union on the approval of agricultural biotechnology products. **Pages S7172–73**

Microenterprise Assistance Programs: Senate passed H.R. 192, to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistance programs under those Acts, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7173**

Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act—Conference Report: By 50 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. 196), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent reso-

lution on the budget for fiscal year 2004, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7071–89**

National Defense Authorization Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives H.R. 1588, House companion measure to S. 1050, National Defense Authorization, Senate proceed to its consideration at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader; that all after the enacting clause be stricken and that the text of S. 1050, as passed be inserted in lieu thereof, with certain amendments to be proposed thereto, and that the amendments be subject to relevant second degree amendments under certain limitations; that following the disposition of the above-mentioned amendments, the bill be read a third time and Senate proceed to vote on passage of the House measure, as amended; and that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S7115**

Energy Policy Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of S. 14, to enhance the energy security of the United States, at 1 p.m., on Monday, June 2, 2003. **Page S7173**

Authority for Committees All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Thursday, May 29, 2003, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. **Page S7173**

Signing Authority Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader or the Assistant Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S7173**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S7173**

Appointments:

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, and as further

amended by Public Law 107–228, appointed the following individuals to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Preeta D. Bansal of Nebraska, vice Charles Richard Stith, for a term of one year (May 15, 2003–May 14, 2004), and the Most Reverend Richardo Ramirez, C.S.B. of New Mexico, vice Dr. Firuz Kazemzadeh, for a term of two years (May 15, 2003–May 14, 2005).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Steven C. Beering, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for the remainder of the term expiring May 10, 2004. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, was discharged from further consideration.)

Ray M. Bowen, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, was discharged from further consideration.)

Elizabeth Hoffman, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, was discharged from further consideration.)

Karen Johnson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education.

Michael Schwartz, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2007.

John E. Buchanan, Jr., of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2006.

9 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy. Pages S7134, S7164–65, S7173–74

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—202)

Pages S7087, S7095, S7097, S7101, S7105, S7110, S7115

Adjournment: Senate met at 8:30 a.m., and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 191, at 4:57 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, June 2, 2003. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S7173.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. POLICY: AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine current United States policy and military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, after receiving testimony from Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and William Joseph Burns, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 191 it stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2002.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.