

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 504, American History and Civics Education Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8261–S8321

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1303–1309, and S. Res. 178.

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Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Special Report: Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2004”. (S. Rept. No. 108–77)

H.R. 825, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7401 West 100th Place in Bridgeview, Illinois, as the “Michael J. Healy Post Office Building”.

H.R. 917, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1830 South Lake Drive in Lexington, South Carolina, as the “Floyd Spence Post Office Building”.

H.R. 925, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1859 South Ashland Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Cesar Chavez Post Office”.

H.R. 981, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Erie Street in Linesville, Pennsylvania, as the “James R. Merry Post Office”.

H.R. 985, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green, Ohio, as the “Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1055, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1901 West Evans Street in Florence, South Carolina, as the “Dr. Roswell N. Beck Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1368, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7554 Pacific Avenue in Stockton, California, as the “Norman D. Shumway Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1465, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway

27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the “General Charles Gabriel Post Office”.

H.R. 1596, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2318 Woodson Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Timothy Michael Gaffney Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1609, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Boston Street in Brookfield, Missouri, as the “Admiral Donald Davis Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1740, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1502 East Kiest Boulevard in Dallas, Texas, as the “Dr. Caesar A.W. Clark, Sr. Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2030, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Baldwin Avenue in Paia, Maui, Hawaii, as the “Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office Building”.

S. 508, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1830 South Lake Drive in Lexington, South Carolina, as the “Floyd Spence Post Office Building”.

S. 708, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7401 West 100th Place in Bridgeview, Illinois, as the “Michael J. Healy Post Office Building”.

S. 867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wick Lane in Billings, Montana, as the “Ronald Reagan Post Office Building”.

S. 1145, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Baldwin Avenue in Paia, Maui, Hawaii, as the “Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office Building”.

S. 1207, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Ritchie Avenue in Marceline, Missouri, as the “Walt Disney Post Office Building”.

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Measures Passed:

American History and Civics Education Act: By a unanimous vote of 90 yeas (Vote No. 231) Senate

passed S. 504, to establish academics for teachers and students of American history and civics and a national alliance of teachers of American history and civics, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8261–65**

Alexander Amendment No. 951, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8261**

ORBIT Technical Corrections Act: Senate passed H.R. 2312, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to provide for the orderly dilution of the ownership interest in Inmarsat by former signatories to the Inmarsat Operating Agreement, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8315**

Printing Authority: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 139, authorizing printing of the brochures entitled “How Our Laws Are Made” and “Our American Government”, the publication entitled “Our Flag”, the document-sized, annotated version of the United States Constitution, and the pocket version of the United States Constitution. **Page S8316**

Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act Amendments: Senate passed S. 686, to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8316–17**

Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the Medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the Medicare program, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8265–95**

Adopted:

By 62 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 232), Dorgan Amendment No. 946, to provide greater access to affordable pharmaceuticals. **Pages S8265–69**

Withdrawn:

Lincoln Amendment No. 963, to allow Medicare beneficiaries who are enrolled in fallback plans to remain in such plans for two years by requiring the same contracting cycle for fallback plans as Medicare Prescription Drug plans. **Pages S8285–86**

Pending:

Bingaman Amendment No. 933, to eliminate the application of an asset test for purposes of eligibility for premium and cost-sharing subsidies for low-income beneficiaries. **Page S8265**

Graham (FL) Amendment No. 956, to provide that an eligible beneficiary is not responsible for paying the applicable percent of the monthly national average premium while the beneficiary is in the coverage gap and to sunset the bill. **Pages S8273–78**

Kerry Amendment No. 958, to increase the availability of discounted prescription drugs. **Pages S8278–83**

Lincoln Modified Amendment No. 934, to ensure coverage for syringes for the administration of insulin, and necessary medical supplies associated with the administration of insulin. **Page S8283**

Lincoln Amendment No. 935, to clarify the intent of Congress regarding an exception to the initial residency period for geriatric residency or fellowship programs. **Pages S8283–84**

Lincoln Amendment No. 959, to establish a demonstration project for direct access to physical therapy services under the Medicare program. **Pages S8284–85**

Baucus (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 964, to include coverage for tobacco cessation products. **Page S8286**

Baucus (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 965, to establish a Council for Technology and Innovation. **Pages S8286–88**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 938, to provide for a study and report on the propagation of concierge care. **Page S8288**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 936, to provide for an extension of the demonstration for ESRD managed care. **Pages S8288–90**

Baucus (for Harkin) Amendment No. 967, to provide improved payment for certain mammography services. **Page S8290**

Baucus (for Harkin) Amendment No. 968, to restore reimbursement for total body orthotic management for nonambulatory, severely disabled nursing home residents. **Page S8290**

Baucus (for Dodd) Amendment No. 969, to permit continuous open enrollment and disenrollment in Medicare Prescription Drug plans and Medicare Advantage plans until 2008. **Page S8290**

Baucus (for Dodd) Amendment No. 970, to provide 50 percent cost-sharing for a beneficiary whose income is at least 160 percent but not more than 250 percent of the poverty line after the beneficiary has reached the initial coverage gap and before the beneficiary has reached the annual out-of-pocket limit. **Page S8291**

Baucus (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 942, to prohibit an eligible entity offering a Medicare Prescription Drug plan, a Medicare Advantage Organization offering a Medicare Advantage plan, and other health plans from contracting with a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) unless the PBM satisfies certain requirements. **Page S8291**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2 p.m., on Monday, June 23, 2003. **Page S8317**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to the Western Balkans is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-41) **Page S8299**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans and final report on expenses incurred with respect to terminated emergencies regarding the Former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-42) **Page S8299**

Messages From the House: **Pages S8299–S8300**

Measures Referred: **Page S8300**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S8300**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S8300**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S8300–01**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Additional Statements: **Pages S8298–99**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8306–15**

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Text of S. Res. 177, as Previously Submitted on 6/19/03—Corrected Text: **Page S8306**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—232) **Pages S8263, S8269**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 3:56 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, June 23, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8317.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQI RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine Iraqi reconstruction and humanitarian assistance activities from Lieutenant General Jay Garner, USA (Ret.).

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 23 for morning hour debate.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 23 through June 28, 2003

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the Medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the Medicare program.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1, Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act, and may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, in-

cluding S. 925, State Department Authorization, S. 15, Project BioShield, S. 1053, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, and certain appropriation bills and nominations, if available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: June 26, to hold hearings to examine H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: June 25, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, business meeting to consider proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.