

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2660. Labor, HHS and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9161–S9268

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1386–1393, and S. J. Res. 15. **Page S9244**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–86)

Report to accompany S. 1382, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. (S. Rept. No. 108–87)

Report to accompany S. 1383, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. (S. Rept. No. 108–88)

S. 1391, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. (S. Rept. No. 108–89)

S. RES. 140, designating the week of August 10, 2003, as “National Health Center Week”.

S. 764, to extend the authorization of the Bullet-proof Vest Partnership Grant Program.

S. 1280, to amend the Protect Act to clarify certain volunteer liability, with an amendment. **Page S9244**

Measures Passed:

NOAA Legal Appointments and Promotions Ratification: Senate passed S. 886, to ratify otherwise legal appointments and promotions in the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that failed to be submitted to the Senate for its advice and consent as required by law. **Page S9268**

State Department Authorization: Senate continued consideration of S. 925, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2004 and for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2004 through 2007, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9162–S9215**

Adopted:

Lugar (for Biden/Mikulski) Amendment No. 1150 (to Amendment No. 1136), to express the sense of Congress relating to violence against women. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar (for Breaux) Amendment No. 1151 (to Amendment No. 1136), to authorize the Chief of Protocol to use a passenger carrier for transportation between the Chief of Protocol’s residence and place of employment. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar (for Coleman) Amendment No. 1152 (to Amendment No. 1136), to authorize a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar (for Daschle/McCain) Amendment No. 1153 (to Amendment No. 1136), to require an annual report on Saudi Arabia’s cooperation in the war on terrorism. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1154 (to Amendment No. 1136), to require a report on states that have not cooperated in small arms programs. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar (for Biden) Amendment No. 1155 (to Amendment No. 1136), to require the reporting of certain information relating to proposed exports and transfers of firearms. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1156 (to Amendment No. 1136), to provide a report on a strategy to deal with the international coffee crisis. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar/Biden Amendment No. 1157 (to Amendment No. 1136), to strike section 2512, relating to

amendments to the Arms Control and Disarmament Act. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar Amendment No. 1158 (to Amendment No. 1136), to provide an exception to requirements with respect to bilateral agreements for exemptions from certain licensing requirements. **Pages S9162–66**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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Lugar Amendment No. 1159 (to Amendment No. 1136), to improve the provisions on global pathogen surveillance. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar/Biden Amendment No. 1160 (to Amendment No. 1136), to strike section 205, relating to immediate response facilities. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar/Biden Amendment No. 1161 (to Amendment No. 1136), to clarify Foreign Service Grievance Board procedures. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar/Biden Amendment No. 1162 (to Amendment No. 1136), to modify reporting requirements on U.S. personnel involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia. **Pages S9162–66**

Lugar Amendment No. 1163 (to Amendment No. 1136), to strike section 2239, relating to the sense of Congress relating to exports of defense items to the United Kingdom. **Pages S9162–66**

Allen/Harkin Amendment No. 1165 (to Amendment No. 1136), to clarify the definition of blocked assets for purposes of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002. **Pages S9171–72**

Lugar (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1171 (to Amendment No. 1136), to ensure that eligibility for assistance under the Millennium Challenge Account includes a demonstrated commitment to the sustainable use of natural resources. **Pages S9173–74**

Lugar (for Santorum/Biden) Amendment No. 1172 (to Amendment No. 1136), to make a technical correction to the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003. **Pages S9173–74**

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 268), Reid/Daschle Amendment No. 1164 (to Amendment No. 1136), to provide support regarding the rural development crisis in Mexico. **Pages S9180–81**

Lugar (for Kyl) Amendment No. 1173 (to Amendment No. 1136), to require a report on the role of North Korea in the trafficking of illegal narcotics. **Pages S9181–82**

By 78 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 270), Bingaman Amendment No. 1174 (to Amendment No. 1136), to express the sense of Congress on funding for assistance to combat AIDS globally. **Pages S9182–91**

Lugar Amendment No. 1182 (to Amendment No. 1136), to authorize Economic Support Fund assistance for Pakistan. **Pages S9191–93**

Lugar Amendment No. 1183 (to Amendment No. 1136), to grant the consent of Congress to the re-

ceipt by employees of a designated entity or designated country of salary and benefits from such entity or country while they serve in offices of profit or trust within the Department of State.

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Lugar (for Frist) Amendment No. 1184 (to Amendment No. 1136), to authorize a United States-Russia Interparliamentary Group.

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Lugar (for Frist/Stevens) Amendment No. 1185 (to Amendment No. 1136), to authorize a United States-China Interparliamentary Group.

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Lugar (for Voinovich) Amendment No. 1186 (to Amendment No. 1136), to require the Annual Report on International Religious Freedom to include a section on anti-Semitism. **Pages S99191–93**

Lugar (for Akaka/Inouye) Amendment No. 1187 (to Amendment No. 1136), to authorize certain additional appropriations for the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange Between East and West.

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Clinton/Schumer Amendment No. 1142 (to Amendment No. 1136), to increase the authorization of appropriations for protection of foreign missions and officials for fiscal year 2004, and to make an authorization of appropriations for expenses related to such protection that were incurred prior to October 1, 2003. **Page S9194**

Clinton (for Schumer/Clinton) Amendment No. 1188 (to Amendment No. 1136), to impose an economic sanction on foreign countries that owe property taxes to Washington, D.C. or New York City.

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Dodd Amendment No. 1189 (to Amendment No. 1136), to prohibit MCA monies from being used to fund projects that could displace U.S. jobs or production or pose an environmental hazard.

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Lugar (for Ensign) Amendment No. 1192 (to Amendment No. 1136), to fulfill the Administration's request to move towards the goal of achieving a 25 percent United Nations peacekeeping assessment rate without incurring arrears. **Page S9202**

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 271), Biden Modified Amendment No. 1190 (to Amendment No. 1136), to express the sense of the Congress that the United States remain engaged in Iraq in order to ensure a peaceful, stable, unified Iraq with a representative government. **Pages S9196–S9203**

Lugar (for Warner/Stevens) Amendment No. 1193 (to Amendment No. 1136), to strike section 206, relating to security capital cost sharing. **Page S9203**

Lugar (for Frist) Amendment No. 1194 (to Amendment No. 1136), to commend the leadership

and people of Colombia on the third anniversary of Plan Colombia. **Pages S9203–04**

Lugar (for Schumer) Amendment No. 1195 (to Amendment No. 1136), to express the sense of the Senate that President Bush should require all executive agencies to provide full and timely cooperation with the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States so that the Commission can provide the best possible analysis of how the Nation can prevent future acts of terrorism. **Page S9204**

Lugar (for Durbin) Amendment No. 1196 (to Amendment No. 1136), to ensure that the benefits under the Millennium Challenge Assistance program are available for the intended beneficiaries, including women and girls. **Page S9204**

Lugar (for Durbin) Amendment No. 1197 (to Amendment No. 1136), to express the sense of Congress on an investigation into assertions that Iraq attempted to obtain uranium from Africa. **Page S9205**

Lugar (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 1198 (to Amendment No. 1136), to provide emergency food aid for HIV/AIDS victims. **Page S9206**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 1135 (to Amendment No. 1136), to provide justice for Marine victims of terror. **Page S9206**

Biden Amendment No. 1199 (to Amendment No. 1136), to create the Clinton Scholarship Program. **Pages S9206–07**

Lugar Amendment No. 1136, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9162**

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

By 48 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 269), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 505 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Murray Amendment No. 1170 (to Amendment No. 1136), 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. Subsequently, the point of order, that the amendment would cause an increase in the deficit in excess of the levels permitted and thus be in violation of section 505 of H. Con. Res. 95 of the 108th Congress, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Page S9181**

Legislative Branch Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, the text of the bill relating solely to the House of Representatives remain, that all other parts of the text be stricken, and the text

of S. 1383, Senate companion bill, be inserted in lieu thereof, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Adopted:

Reid (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1201, to appropriate an additional \$25,000,000 for emergency actions to reduce the threat to human safety arising from the threat of catastrophic fire in dead and dying trees. **Pages S9217–18**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified. **Pages S9223–24**

Harkin/Mikulski Modified Amendment No. 1200, to provide that the Secretary of Education shall transfer to the Education for the Disadvantaged account an amount not to exceed \$4,353,368 from amounts that would otherwise lapse at the end of fiscal year 2003 and that were originally made available under the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 2003 or any Department of Education Appropriations Act for a previous fiscal year. **Page S9218**

Stevens/Landrieu Amendment No. 1206, making emergency appropriations to the Corps of Engineers for emergency assistance. **Pages S9219–20**

Reid Amendment No. 1210, to provide for the use of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation for the suppression and control of the Mormon cricket infestation on public and private land in Nevada, Utah, and Idaho. **Page S9224**

Pending:

Sessions Amendment No. 1202, to eliminate the additional amount for programs under the National and Community Service Act of 1990. **Page S9220**

Stevens motion to table Sessions Amendment No. 1202 (listed above). **Page S9223**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:15 a.m., on Friday, July 11, 2003, with a vote on the pending motion to table (listed above) to occur at 9:30 a.m., followed by a vote on final passage of the bill; further, Senate will 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 S9226**

Military Construction Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1357, Senate companion measure. **Page S9227**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Friday, July 11, 2003, with a vote on final passage of the bill to occur following the vote on final passage of

H.R. 2657, Legislative Branch Appropriations; further, Senate will 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 S9234**

Appointment:

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106-170, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Thomas P. Golden of Tennessee, vice Vincent Randazzo, resigned. **Page S9268**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—271) **Pages S9181, S9191, S9203**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:31 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Friday, July 11, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9226.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY/ INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill (S. 1391) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas W. O'Connell, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, who was introduced by Senator Reed, and Paul M. Longworth, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, who was introduced by Senator Roberts, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CREDIT REPORTING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the accuracy of credit reporting information and the Fair Credit Reporting Act, focusing on amendments and other statutory changes proposed by the Treasury Department on June 30, 2003, including permanent renewal of the uniform national standards in Section 624 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, after receiving testimony from Timothy J. Muris, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Stephen Brobeck, Consumer Federation of America, Stuart K. Pratt, Consumer Data Industry Association, and Evan Hendricks, Privacy Times, all of Washington, D.C.; Richard F. Le Febvre, AAA American Credit Bureau, Inc., Flagstaff, Arizona; and David A. Jokinen, Sugar Land, Texas.

NATURAL GAS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the high price of natural gas, its effect on the economy and to consider potential solutions, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; David K. Garman, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Richard L. Grant, Tractebel LNG North America, Boston, Massachusetts; J. Brian Ferguson, Eastman Chemical Company, Kingsport, Tennessee; and Bruce Thompson, Independent Petroleum Association of America, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee met and approved the committee recommendations relative to proposed legislation to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement and proposed legislation to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Labor and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for Community Services Block grant program,