

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11051–S11132

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1582–1583. **Page S11118**

Measures Reported:

S. 1583, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. (S. Rept. No. 108–142)

S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims. **Page S11117**

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S11052–62, S11065–95, S11100–07

Adopted:

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 1557 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide for a GAO study and report on the propagation of concierge care.

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DeWine Modified Amendment No. 1555 (to Amendment No. 1542), to express the sense of the Senate concerning the Pediatric Research Initiative.

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Pending:

Specter Amendment No. 1542, in the nature of a substitute.

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Byrd Amendment No. 1543 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for education for the disadvantaged.

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Akaka Amendment No. 1544 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funding for the Excellence in Economic Education Act of 2001.

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Mikulski Amendment No. 1552 (to Amendment No. 1542), to increase funding for programs under the Nurse Reinvestment Act and other nursing workforce development programs.

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Kohl Amendment No. 1558 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for the ombudsman program for the protection of vulnerable older Americans. **Pages S11056–57**

Kennedy Amendment No. 1566 (to Amendment No. 1542), to increase student financial aid by an amount that matches the increase in low- and middle-income family college costs. **Pages S11069–77**

Dodd Amendment No. 1572 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for grants to States under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S11081–86**

Harkin Amendment No. 1575 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for the Fund for the Improvement of Education.

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DeWine Amendment No. 1561 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funds to support graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

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DeWine Amendment No. 1560 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funds to support poison control centers.

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DeWine Amendment No. 1578 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funding for the Underground Railroad Education and Cultural Program.

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Clinton Amendment No. 1565 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding to ensure an adequate bioterrorism preparedness workforce.

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

By 46 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 325), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Murray Amendment No. 1559 (to Amendment No. 1542), to restore funding for certain programs under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would exceed discretionary spending limits and thus be in violation of section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Pages S11057–62, S11077**

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 326), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Daschle Amendment No. 1568 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funding for rural education. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would exceed discretionary spending limits and thus be in violation of section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Pages S11094–95**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 5, 2003, Senate vote on or in relation to Clinton Amendment No. 1565 (to Amendment No. 1542) (listed-above), to be followed by a vote on or in relation to Harkin Amendment No. 1575 (to Amendment No. 1542). **Pages S11124–25**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 5, 2003. **Pages S11124–25**

Energy Policy Act—Conferees: Pursuant to the order of the Senate of July 31, 2003, regarding H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, the Chair announced the appointment of the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Domenici, Nickles, Craig, Campbell, Thomas, Grassley, Lott, Bingaman, Dorgan, Graham (FL), Wyden, Johnson, and Baucus. **Page S11109**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 94 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. Ex. 327), Steven M. Colloton, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. **Pages S11095–96**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps. **Pages S11125–31**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, which was sent to the Senate on January 7, 2003.

Kerry N. Weems, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, which was sent to the Senate on July 22, 2003. **Page S11132**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—327) **Pages S11077, S11094–95, S11095–96**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:20 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Friday, September 5, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11125.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS

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

An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004;

An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004;

An original bill (S. 1583) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; and

An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies, Department of the Treasury, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

TANKER AIRCRAFT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the proposed lease of 100 KC-767 aerial refueling tanker aircraft by the U.S. Air Force, after receiving testimony from James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force; Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; Joel Kaplan, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget; Neal P. Curtin, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, General Accounting Office; Robert