

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S11133–S11172

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1584–1588, and S. Con. Res. 64–65. **Page S11161**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1584, 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. (S. Rept. No. 108–143)

S. 1585, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. (S. Rept. No. 108–144)

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2004”. (S. Rept. No. 108–145)

S. 1166, to establish a Department of Defense national security personnel system and for other purposes, with amendments.

S. 1245, to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, with amendments. **Page S11161**

#### Measures Passed:

**Commending U.S. Armed Forces:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 64, to commend members of the United States Armed Forces for their services to the United States in the liberation of Iraq. **Page S11171**

**Commending U.S. Army Third Infantry Division:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 65, to commend the Third Infantry Division (Mechanized) of the United States Army for its role in the liberation of Iraq. **Pages S11171–72**

**National Worker Productivity:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 210, expressing the sense of the Senate that supporting a balance between work and personal life is in the best interest of national worker productivity, and that the President should issue a proclamation designating October of 2003 as “National Work and Family Month”, and the resolution

was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S11172**

Frist (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1583, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11172**

Frist (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1584, to amend the title. **Page S11172**

**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 S11134–50**

#### Pending:

Specter Amendment No. 1542, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11134**

Byrd Amendment No. 1543 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for education for the disadvantaged. **Page S11134**

Akaka Amendment No. 1544 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funding for the Excellence in Economic Education Act of 2001. **Page S11134**

Mikulski Amendment No. 1552 (to Amendment No. 1542), to increase funding for programs under the Nurse Reinvestment Act and other nursing workforce development programs. **Page S11134**

Kohl Amendment No. 1558 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for the ombudsman program for the protection of vulnerable older Americans. **Page S11134**

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. **Page S11134**

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. **Page S11134**

DeWine Amendment No. 1561 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funds to support graduate medical education programs in children’s hospitals. **Page S11134**

DeWine Amendment No. 1560 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funds to support poison control centers. **Page S11134**

DeWine Amendment No. 1578 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funding for the Underground Railroad Education and Cultural Program. **Page S11134**

Harkin Amendment No. 1580 (to Amendment No. 1542), to protect the rights of employees to receive overtime compensation. **Pages S11135–38, S11141–45, S11147–50**

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

By 41 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 328), 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 Clinton Amendment No. 1565 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding to ensure an adequate bioterrorism preparedness workforce. 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. **Page S11135**

By 43 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 329), 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 Harkin Amendment No. 1575 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for the Fund for the Improvement of 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. **Page S11135**

A unanimous-consent request was granted permitting Senator Coleman to change his nay vote to a yea vote on Vote No. 323 changing the outcome of the vote to 54 yeas to 42 nays relative to Dorgan/Inhofe Amendment No. 1553 (to Amendment No. 1542) on Wednesday, September 3, 2003. **Page S11154**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 1 p.m., on Monday, September 8, 2003. **Page S11172**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S11157–58**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S11158–61**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S11161–62**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S11162–70**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S11156–57**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S11170–71**

**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Page S11171**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—329) **Page S11135**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 3:39 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, September 8, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11172.)

## *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 3016–3034, and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 356–358, were introduced. **Pages H8015–16**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8016–17**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2620, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, amended, (H. Rept. 108–264, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2557, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to au-

thorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, amended, (H. Rept. 108–265); and

H.R. 253, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made, amended, (H. Rept. 108–266). **Page H8015**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Murphy to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7951**