

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 71, Adjournment Resolution.

The House agreed to the conference report on S. 3, Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12305–S12419*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1701–1709, S. Res. 238, and S. Con. Res. 71. **Page S12376**

#### Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1689, making emergency supplemental appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan security and reconstruction for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. (S. Rept. No. 108–160)

S. 1478, to reauthorize the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. (S. Rept. No. 108–161)

S. Res. 230, calling on the People's Republic of China immediately and unconditionally to release Rebiya Kadeer.

S. Res. 231, commending the Government and people of Kenya.

S. 1580, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the special immigrant religious worker program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Con. Res. 66, commending the National Endowment for Democracy for its contributions to democratic development around the world on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the National Endowment for Democracy. **Page S12375**

#### Measures Passed:

**Adjournment Resolution:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 71, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate. **Pages S12349–50**

**Authorizing Regulations:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 238, authorizing regulations relating to the use of official equipment. **Pages S12417–18**

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, Iraq and Afghanistan:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1689, making emergency supplemental appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan security and reconstruction for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12311–46, S12350–60**

#### Adopted:

By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 372), McConnell Modified Amendment No. 1795, to commend the Armed Forces of the United States in the War on Terrorism. **Pages S12311–16**

Coleman Amendment No. 1802, to fund travel within the United States for members of the Armed Forces on rest and recuperation leave from a deployment overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. **Pages S12337–39**

Collins/Wyden Amendment No. 1820, to limit the obligation and expenditure of funds for using procedures other than full and open competition for entering into certain contracts or other agreements for the benefit of Iraq. **Pages S12354–55**

Daschle/Graham (SC) Amendment No. 1816, to ensure that members of the Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces are treated equitably in the provision of health care benefits under TRICARE and otherwise under the Defense Health Program. **Pages S12356–57**

Stevens Amendment No. 1821, to strike the requirement for the Department of Defense to describe an Analysis of Alternatives for replacing the capabilities of the KC–135 aircraft fleet. **Page S12357**

Reid (for Murray/Durbin) Amendment No. 1822, to provide requirements with respect to United States activities in Afghanistan and Iraq. **Pages S12357–58**

Reed/Kennedy Modified Amendment No. 1812, to increase the amount provided for the Army for

procurement of up-armored High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicles, to require an Army re-evaluation of requirements and options for procuring armored security vehicles, and to provide an offset.

**Pages S12358–60**

Stevens (for Voinovich/Lott) Amendment No. 1808, to require a report on efforts to increase financial contributions from the international community for reconstruction in Iraq and the feasibility of repayment of funds contributed for infrastructure projects in Iraq.

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Rejected:

Biden Modified Amendment No. 1796, to provide funds for the security and stabilization of Iraq by suspending a portion of the reductions in the highest income tax rate for individual taxpayers. (By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 373), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S12311, S12316–37**

Leahy/Daschle Amendment No. 1803, to place the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq under the direct authority and foreign policy guidance of the Secretary of State. (By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 374), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S12339–46**

Dodd Amendment No. 1817, to provide an additional \$322,000,000 for safety equipment for United States forces in Iraq and to reduce the amount provided for reconstruction in Iraq by \$322,000,000. (By 49 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 376), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S12351–54**

Pending:

Byrd Amendment No. 1818, to impose a limitation on the use of sums appropriated for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund.

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Byrd/Durbin Amendment No. 1819, to prohibit the use of Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Funds for low priority activities that should not be the responsibility of U.S. taxpayers, and shift \$600 million from the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund to Defense Operations and Maintenance, Army, for significantly improving efforts to secure and destroy conventional weapons, such as bombs, bomb materials, small arms, rocket propelled grenades, and shoulder-launched missiles, in Iraq.

**Pages S12350–51**

Reid (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 1823, to provide emergency relief for veterans healthcare, school construction, healthcare and transportation needs in the United States, and to create 95,000 new jobs.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Friday, October 3, 2003.

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**Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 1053, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature

of a substitute and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S12403–17**

Frist (for Snowe) Amendment No. 1824, in the nature of a substitute.

**Pages S12403–17**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, October 14, 2003; there be 15 minutes of debate equally divided, followed by a vote on final passage to occur thereon.

**Pages S12403–04**

#### Appointments:

**Social Security Advisory Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and in consultation with the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member of the Finance Committee, pursuant to Public Law 103–296, appointed Sylvester J. Schieber, of Maryland, as a member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a six-year term.

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**Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99–498, appointed Rene Drouin of New Hampshire, vice Charles Terrell of Massachusetts, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a three-year term.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 375), William Q. Hayes, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

**Pages S12346–47, S12419**

John A. Houston, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Robert Clive Jones, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Phillip S. Figa, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

**Pages S12347–49, S12417, S12419**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Jose Antonio Aponte, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Commission On Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007.

Sandra Frances Ashworth, of Idaho, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2004.

Edward Louis Bertorelli, of Massachusetts, to be Member of the National Commission on Libraries

and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2005.

Carol L. Diehl, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2005.

Allison Druin, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2006.

Beth Fitzsimmons, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2006.

Patricia M. Hines, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2005.

Colleen Ellen Huebner, of Washington, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007.

Stephen M. Kennedy, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007.

Bridget L. Lamont, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2008.

Mary H. Perdue, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2008.

Herman Lavon Totten, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2008.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. A routine list in the Public Health Service.

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**Messages From the House:** Pages S12371–72

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**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S12387–S12403

**Authority for Committees to Meet:** Page S12403

**Privilege of the Floor:** Page S12403

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—376)

Pages S12316, S12337, S12346, S12347, S12354

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday,

October 3, 2003. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S12418.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (Public Law 107–204) and restoring investor confidence, after receiving testimony from Paul A. Volcker, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, former Chairman, Federal Reserve System, Charles A. Bowsher, National Association of Securities Dealers, Chicago, Illinois, former Comptroller General of the United States, Ralph Larsen, Johnson and Johnson, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and Peter G. Peterson, Blackstone Group, New York, New York, all on behalf of the Conference Board, Inc.; Brian P. Anderson, Baxter International Inc., Deerfield, Illinois; John J. Castellani, Business Roundtable, and Richard L. Trumka, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, both of Washington, D.C.; and Keith D. Grinstein, Coinstar, Inc., Bellevue, Washington.

### MEDIA OWNERSHIP

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing on media ownership, focusing on issues of media concentration and ownership rules, after receiving testimony from Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.; and Victor B. Miller IV, Bear, Stearns and Company, Inc., Eli M. Noam, Columbia Institute for Tele-Information, Columbia University Graduate School of Business, and Philip M. Napoli, Fordham University Graduate School of Business, all of New York, New York.

### AMTRAK

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing on S. 1501, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for stable, productive, and efficient passenger rail service in the United States, focusing on the future of intercity passenger rail service, after receiving testimony from Allan Rutter, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; David L. Gunn, President and Chief Executive Officer, Amtrak; and Claudia L. Howells, Oregon Department of Transportation, Salem.