

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The Senate and The House both passed H.R. 3289, Making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense and for the Reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for Fiscal Year 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12769–S12857

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1752–1757, and S. Res. 246–247. **Page S12838**

Measures Reported:

S. 1753, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act in order to prevent identity theft, to improve the use of and consumer access to consumer reports, to enhance the accuracy of consumer reports, to limit the sharing of certain consumer information, to improve financial education and literacy. (S. Rept. No. 108–166)

S. 1210, to assist in the conservation of marine turtles and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries. (S. Rept. No. 108–167)

H.R. 1320, to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–168) **Pages S12837–38**

Measures Passed

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, Iraq and Afghanistan: By 87 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 400), Senate passed S. 1689, making emergency supplemental appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan security and reconstruction for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12769–S12821**

Adopted:

By 96 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 390), Durbin Amendment No. 1837, to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform certain service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when

taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred. **Page S12770**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 393), Boxer Modified Amendment No. 1843, to make retroactive the relief of hospitalized members of the uniformed services from the obligation to pay for food and subsistence while hospitalized. **Page S12772**

Dorgan/Wyden Amendment No. 1887, to reduce unnecessary spending for reconstruction in Iraq. **Pages S12791–92**

Reid (for Chafee/Leahy) Further Modified Amendment No. 1807, to provide for emergency assistance to the people of Liberia, with offsets. **Page S12794**

Stevens (for Clinton) Modified Amendment No. 1850, to provide for an audit of funds appropriated under this Act by the General Accounting Office. **Page S12794**

Stevens (for Harkin) Modified Amendment No. 1860, to provide up to \$13,000,000 for conflict resolution, rule of law and democracy activities. **Page S12794**

Boxer Modified Amendment No. 1845, to prioritize the equipping of aircraft enrolled in the Civil Reserve Air Fleet when counter-measures against the threat of shoulder-fired missiles are deployed. **Page S12795**

Stevens (for Domenici) Modified Amendment No. 1864, to require reports on the United States strategy for relief and reconstruction efforts in Iraq. **Pages S12796–97**

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 1825, to provide additional VA Medical Care Funds for the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S12797–99**

Rejected:

Daschle Amendment No. 1854, to achieve the most effective means of reconstructing Iraq and to reduce the future costs to the American taxpayer of

such reconstruction by ensuring broad-based international cooperation for this effort. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 391), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Reid (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 1859, to promote the establishment of an Iraq Reconstruction Finance Authority and the use of Iraqi oil revenues to pay for reconstruction in Iraq. (By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 392), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Durbin Amendment No. 1879, to provide funds for the prevention, treatment, and control of, and research on HIV/AIDS. (By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 394), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Corzine Amendment No. 1882, to establish a National Commission on the Development and Use of Intelligence Related to Iraq. (By 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 395), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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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. (By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 396), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Byrd Amendment No. 1886, to prohibit the use of funds for the involuntary deployment overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom of members of the National Guard and Reserves who have been involuntarily deployed for more than six months during the preceding six years. (By 82 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 397), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Byrd Amendment No. 1888, to eliminate the flexibility given to the President to reallocate all of the \$20.3 billion Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Funds, without approval by Congress. (By 49 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 398), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Brownback Modified Amendment No. 1885, to reduce the amount appropriated for reconstruction in Iraq by \$600,000,000 and to increase the amount available to the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps by \$50,000,000, the amount available for Afghanistan by \$400,000,000, and the amount available for Liberia. (By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 399), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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

Byrd Amendment No. 1884 (to Amendment No. 1819), to reduce unnecessary spending in the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund; increase reconstruction assistance to Afghanistan; protect our troops by increasing funding for the destruction of conventional weapons in Iraq; provide disaster relief in Liberia; and provide funding to repair Hurricane Isabel damage to military and Coast Guard facilities, fell when Byrd/Durbin Amendment No.1819 (listed above) was tabled.

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Subsequently, passage of S. 1689 (listed above) was vitiated and the bill was then returned to the Senate calendar.

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, Iraq and Afghanistan: By unanimous-consent, Senate passed H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1689, Senate companion measure, as amended.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Burns, Shelby, Gregg, Bennett, Campbell, Craig, Hutchison, DeWine, Brownback, Byrd, Inouye, Hollings, Leahy, Harkin, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, Murray, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin, Johnson, and Landrieu.

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Condemning Anti-Semitism: Senate agreed to S. Res. 247, calling on the President to condemn the anti-Semitic sentiments expressed by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia.

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National Cemetery Administration: Senate passed H.R. 1516, to provide for the establishment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of additional cemeteries in the National Cemetery Administration, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

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Jackie Robinson Congressional Gold Medal: Senate passed H.R. 1900, to award a congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson (posthumously), in recognition of his many contributions to the Nation, and to express the sense of the Congress that there should be a national day in recognition of Jackie Robinson, clearing the measure for the President.

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Jackie Robinson Congressional Gold Medal: Senate passed S. 300, to award a congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson (posthumously), in recognition of his many contributions to the Nation,

and to express the sense of Congress that there should be a national day in recognition of Jackie Robinson. **Pages S12853–55**

Class Action Lawsuits: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1751, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants. **Page S12853**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 2 p.m., on Monday, October 20, 2003. **Page S12855**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:15 p.m., on Monday, October 20, 2003, Senate will consider and vote on the nomination of Margaret Catharine Rodgers, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida. **Page S12855**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–52) **Page S12837**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Kristin J. Forbes, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Harvey S. Rosen, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Peter Lichtenbaum, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. **Page S12857**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination: James B. Comey, of New York, to be Deputy Attorney General. **Page S12857**

Messages From the House: **Pages S12835–36**

Petitions and Memorials: **Pages S12836–37**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S12838–39**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S12839–50**

Additional Statements: **Pages S12834–35**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S12850–52**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S12852**

Record Votes: Eleven record votes were taken today. (Total—400) **Pages S12770, S12771, S12771, S12772, S12772–73, S12779, S12789, S12791, S12793, S12803, S12821**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 1:30 p.m., on Monday, October 20, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12855.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 3330–3339; H. Con. Res. 305–306, and H. Res. 405–406 were introduced. **Pages H9686–87**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9687–88**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simmons to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9619**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Most Rev. Thomas Wenski, Coadjutor Bishop of Orlando, Florida. **Page H9619**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 3289, making emergency supple-

mental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by a yea-and-nay vote of 303 yeas to 125 nays, Roll No. 562. **Pages H9620–43, H9652–77**

The House rejected the Kilpatrick motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment to provide that 50% of the funds allocated for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund be in the form of loans, by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 561. **Pages H9674–76**

Agreed to:

DeFazio amendment that prohibits the use of funds for Iraq to participate in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries; **Pages H9623–24**