

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed the Affordable Education Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1045–S1157*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-three bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2138–2180, S. Res. 265, and S. Con. Res. 88–91. **Pages S1117–18**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

Conference Report to accompany S. 376, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications.

S. 577, to provide for injunctive relief in Federal district court to enforce State laws relating to the interstate transportation of intoxicating liquor, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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### Measures Passed:

**Affordable Education Act:** By 61 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 33), Senate passed S. 1134, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Adopted:

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 22), Coverdell (for Mack/Hatch) Amendment No. 2827, to eliminate the marriage penalty in the reduction in permitted contributions to education individual retirement accounts. **Pages S1045–49**

By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 24), Roth Amendment No. 2869, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts. **Pages S1049–54, S1068–70, S1111**

Subsequently, a unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that certain technical corrections be made to Amendment No. 2869 (listed above).

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Coverdell (for Hatch) Amendment No. 2824, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty in the phaseout of the education loan interest deduction. **Pages S1082–83**

Coverdell (for Kerry) Amendment No. 2859, to exclude national service educational awards from the recipient's gross income. **Pages S1082–83**

Boxer Modified Amendment No. 2880, to require schools that receive Federal funding to notify parents of certain pesticide applications on school grounds.

**Pages S1089–90, S1095–96**

Coverdell (for Roth) Amendment No. 2881, to provide for a Manager's amendment to the bill as amended by Senate Amendment number 2869 (listed above). **Page S1096**

By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 26), Coverdell Modified Amendment No. 2874, to express the sense of the Senate on improving the learning environment by ensuring safe schools.

**Pages S1071–72, S1097–98**

By 91 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 32), Durbin Amendment No. 2879, to provide for a reduction in school violence. **Pages S1083–85, S1101**

#### Rejected:

By 25 yeas to 73 nays (Vote No. 23), Graham Amendment No. 2870 (to Amendment No. 2869), to reinstate certain revenue raisers.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 2871, to provide parents, taxpayers, and educators with useful, understandable school report cards. **Pages S1054–57, S1070**

By 39 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 25), Kennedy Amendment No. 2872, to establish programs to enable States and local educational agencies to place a qualified teacher in every classroom.

**Pages S1057–62, S1070–71**

By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 28), upon reconsideration, Boxer Amendment No. 2873, to express

the sense of the Senate on improving the learning environment by ensuring safe schools. (Earlier, the Chair incorrectly announced that by 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 27) the amendment was agreed to. Subsequently, the Chair then announced that by 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 27), the amendment was not agreed to. Senator Boxer then made a motion to reconsider the vote by which her amendment was agreed to/rejected in the Senate.)

**Pages S1062–68, S1071–72, S1098–99**

By 29 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 30), Wellstone Amendment No. 2878 (to Amendment No. 2876), to provide a limitation regarding the policy prohibiting social promotion. **Pages S1079–82, S1100**

By 30 yeas to 68 nays (Vote No. 31), Feinstein Amendment No. 2876, to provide for achievement standards and assessment of student performance in meeting the standards. **Pages S1073–82, S1100–01**

Withdrawn:

Landrieu Amendment No. 2867, to promote teacher and principal quality and professional development. **Pages S1090–92, S1095**

Kerry Amendment No. 2866, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide scholarships for future teachers and loan forgiveness and cancellation. **Pages S1085–87, S1101**

Schumer Amendment No. 2868, to put teachers first by providing grants for master teacher programs. **Pages S1092–93, S1101**

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

By 41 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 29), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Bingaman (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 2875, to increase funding for Federal Pell Grants. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

**Pages S1072–73, S1098–S1100**

**Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 89, to establish the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 20, 2001. **Pages S1152–53**

**Use of Rotunda: Inaugural Ceremonies:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 90, to authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies con-

ducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

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**Commending Florida State University Football Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 265, commending the Florida State University football team for winning the 1999 Division 1-A collegiate football national championship. **Pages S1153–54**

**Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse:** Senate passed S. 1794, to designate the Federal courthouse at 145 East Simpson Avenue in Jackson, Wyoming, as the “Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse”. **Page S1154**

**Congratulating the Republic of Lithuania:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 91, congratulating the Republic of Lithuania on the tenth anniversary of the reestablishment of its independence from the rule of the former Soviet Union. **Page S1156**

**Arts Education Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 128, designating March 2000, as “Arts Education Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1156–57**

**Orbit Bill—Conference Report:** Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 376, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications. **Page S1155**

**FAA Authorization—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing authority for the conferees to file the conference report on H.R. 1000, Federal Aviation Administration Authorization, on Friday, March 3, 2000. **Page S1153**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a 6-month periodic report relative to the national emergency with respect to Iraq which was declared in Executive Order 12722 of August 2, 1990; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–88)

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Transmitting, pursuant to the Trade Act of 1974, the 2000 Trade Policy Agenda and the 1999 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program; to the Committee on Finance. (PM–89) **Page S1116**

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

Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

Sarah McCracken Fox, of New York to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2004, to

which position she was appointed during the recess of the Senate from November 19, 1999, to January 24, 2000.

Bonnie J. Campbell, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

Thomas P. Furey, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal. **Page S1157**

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**Record Votes:** Twelve record votes were taken today. (Total—33)

**Pages S1048–49, S1070–71, S1098–S1101, S1104**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:50 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 6, 2000. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1157.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 345, to amend the Animal Welfare Act to remove the limitation that permits interstate movement of live birds, for the purpose of fighting, to States in which animal fighting is lawful; and

An original bill, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to improve crop insurance coverage, and to provide agricultural producers with choices to manage risk.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the Defense Health Program, after receiving testimony from Rudy de Leon, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Sue Bailey, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Robert R. Soule, Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, and H. James T. Sears, Executive Director, TRICARE Management Activity, all of the Department of Defense; Gen. John M. Keane, USA, Vice Chief of Staff; Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff; Gen. Terrence R. Dake, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; Lt. Gen. John M. McDuffie, USA, Director for Logistics; Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, USA, Army Surgeon General; Vice Adm. Richard A. Nelson, USN, Medical Corps, Navy Surgeon General; Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton, Jr., USAF, Air Force Surgeon General; CDR Mike Lord, JAGC, USN (Ret.), Commissioned Officers Association of the United States Public Health Service, Inc., Landover, Maryland, and Susan Schwartz, National Military Family Association, Alexandria, Virginia, both on behalf of the Military Coalition; and Charles C. Patridge, National Association for Uniformed Services, Springfield, Virginia, and Kristen Pugh, Retired Enlisted Association, Aurora, Colorado, both on behalf of the National Military/Veterans Alliance.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on shipbuilding procurement and research and development programs, after receiving testimony from Ronald K. O’Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; H. Lee Buchanan, III, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Warfare Requirements, and Assessments; Lt. Gen. John E. Rhodes, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command; and Rear Adm. Malcolm I. Fages, USN, Director of Submarine Warfare Division, Office of Chief of Naval Operations.