

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2169–S2267

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and four resolutions, were introduced, as follows: S. 518–526, S. Res. 59, S.J. Res. 7, and S. Con. Res. 23–24.

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Measures Passed:

National Girl Scout Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 59, designating the week of March 11 through March 17, 2001, as “National Girl Scout Week.”

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Bankruptcy Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 420, to amend title 11, United States Code, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2172–80, S2184–S2214**

Adopted:

Schumer/Sarbanes Modified Amendment No. 25, to provide for the preservation of claims and defenses upon the sale of certain predatory loans. (By 44 yeas to 55 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 24), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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Rejected:

Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 27, to place a \$2,500 cap on any credit card issued to a minor, unless the minor submits an application with the signature of his parents or guardian indicating joint liability for debt or the minor submits financial information indicating an independent means or an ability to repay the debt that the card accrues. (By 55 yeas to 42 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 20), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S2172, S2178, S2179

Kennedy Amendment No. 39, to remove the dollar limitation on retirement savings protected in bankruptcy. (By 61 yeas to 37 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 21), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Dodd/Kennedy Amendment No. 75, to impose upon credit card issuers, prior to granting credit to anyone under the age of 21, the requirement of an applicant to obtain either a cosignature by a parent or a guardian, or an independent means of financial

support of paying off the amount of credit that’s offered, or the completion of a credit counseling course. (By 58 yeas to 41 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 25), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Leahy Amendment No. 20, to resolve an ambiguity relating to the definition of current monthly income. **Page S2172**

Wellstone Amendment No. 35, to clarify the duties of a debtor who is the plan administrator of an employee benefit plan. **Page S2172**

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 36, to disallow certain claims and prohibit coercive debt collection practices. **Pages S2172, S2209**

Wellstone Amendment No. 37, to provide that imports of semifinished steel slabs shall be considered to be articles like or directly competitive with taconite pellets for purposes of determining the eligibility of certain workers for trade adjustment assistance under the Trade Act of 1974. **Page S2172**

Kennedy Amendment No. 38, to allow for reasonable medical expenses. **Page S2173**

Collins Amendment No. 16, to provide family fishermen with the same kind of protections and terms as granted to family farmers under chapter 12 of the bankruptcy laws. **Page S2173**

Leahy Amendment No. 41, to protect the identify of minor children in bankruptcy proceedings. **Page S2173**

Wyden Amendment No. 78, to provide for the nondischargeability of debts arising from the exchange of electric energy. **Pages S2196–98, S2199, S2209–12**

Carnahan Amendment No. 40, to ensure additional expenses associated with home energy costs are included in the debtor’s monthly expenses. **Pages S2198–99**

Smith (OR) Amendment No. 95 (to Amendment No. 78), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S2199–S2208**

Reid (for Durbin) Amendment No. 93, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2208**

Reid (for Breaux) Amendment No. 94, to provide for the reissuance of a rule relating to ergonomics. **Pages S2208–09**

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

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 22), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Conrad Modified Amendment No. 29, to establish an off-budget lockbox to strengthen Social Security and Medicare. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment violates section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 23), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Sessions Amendment No. 32, to establish a procedure to safeguard the surpluses of the Social Security and Medicare hospital insurance trust funds. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment violates section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for votes to occur with respect to Carnahan Amendment No. 40, Smith (OR) Amendment No. 95 (to Amendment No. 78), and Wyden Amendment No. 78 (all listed above), beginning at approximately 10:45 a.m., on Wednesday, March 14, 2001. Further, that following the votes, the Senate resume consideration of Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 36, and that the cloture vote be postponed to occur at 4 p.m.

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Appointment:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the re-appointment of Elizabeth Scott of South Dakota to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the continuation of the Iran Emergency; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–12)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the National Emergency with respect to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–13)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Dov S. Zakheim, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Theodore Bevy Olson, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—25) Pages S2179, S2180, S2187, S2188, S2196

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:33 a.m., and adjourned at 8:35 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 14, 2001. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2266.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded oversight hearings to examine issues related to the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, including the condition of the facilities and infrastructure of vital nuclear weapons complex, safety and reliability of the U.S. nuclear stockpile in the absence of nuclear testing, and infrastructure needs at Los Alamos National Laboratory, after receiving testimony from John A. Gordon, Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security; and James R. Schlesinger, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Washington, D.C., former Secretary of Energy, on behalf of the Panel to Assess the Reliability, Safety, and Security of the U.S. Nuclear Stockpile.

AVIATION COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings on S. 415 to amend title 49, United States Code, to require that air carriers meet public convenience and necessity requirements by ensuring competitive access by commercial air carriers to major cities, receiving testimony from Jayetta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; Iowa Attorney General Thomas J. Miller, Des Moines; David