

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2883, Intelligence Authorization for FY 2002.

The House passed H.R. 3295, Help America Vote Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12989–S13078

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1808–S. 1814. **Page S13051**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 3167, to endorse the vision of further enlargement of the NATO Alliance articulated by President George W. Bush on June 15, 2001, and by former President William J. Clinton on October 22, 1996.

S. 1762, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers, to extend current law with respect to special allowances for lenders.

S. 1793, to provide the Secretary of Education with specific waiver authority to respond to conditions in the national emergency declared by the President on September 14, 2001.

S. Con. Res. 86, expressing the sense of Congress that women from all ethnic groups in Afghanistan should participate in the economic and political reconstruction of Afghanistan.

S. Con. Res. 90, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the efforts of people of the United States of Korean ancestry to reunite with their family members in North Korea.

S. Con. Res. 92, recognizing Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's success in promoting democracy and its continuing contribution to United States national interests. **Page S13049**

Measures Passed:

Mental Health Assistance: Senate passed S. 1729, to provide assistance with respect to the mental health needs of individuals affected by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 2503, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S13076–77**

Electronic Health Care Transaction Compliance: Senate passed H.R. 3323, to ensure that covered entities comply with the standards for electronic health care transactions and code sets adopted under part C of title XI of the Social Security Act, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S13077–78**

Children Pharmaceuticals Safety Improvement: Senate passed S. 1789, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety and efficacy of pharmaceuticals for children. **Pages S13070–76**

Tuberous Sclerosis: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 25, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding tuberous sclerosis, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S13078**

District of Columbia College Access Act Technical Corrections Act: Senate passed H.R. 1499, to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permit individuals who enroll in an institution of higher education more than 3 years after graduating from a secondary school and individuals who attend private historically black colleges and universities nationwide to participate in the tuition assistance programs under such Act, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S13078**

Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 2515, to clarify the intended inclusion of certain individuals. **Page S13078**

Federal Farm Bill: Senate continued consideration of S. 1731, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to

ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12989–96, S13000–41**

Adopted:

Domenici Modified Amendment No. 2502 (to Amendment No. 2471), to require the Secretary of Agriculture to obtain written consent from each State's Governor prior to implementation of the water conservation program. **Pages S13020–34**

Rejected:

Lugar/Domenici Amendment No. 2473 (to Amendment No. 2471), of a perfecting nature. (By 70 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 363), Senate tabled the Amendment.) **Pages S12990–95**

Gregg/Lugar Amendment No. 2466 (to Amendment No. 2471), to phase out the sugar program and use any resulting savings to improve nutrition assistance. (By 71 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 364), Senate tabled the Amendment.) **Pages S13001–20**

Withdrawn:

Daschle/Lugar Amendment No. 2511, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish within the Department of Agriculture the position of Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Civil Rights. **Pages S13037–38**

Subsequently, Craig Amendment No. 2512 (to Amendment No. 2511), to add provisions regarding nominations, fell when Daschle Amendment No. 2511 (listed above) was withdrawn. **Pages S13038**

Pending:

Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12990–96, S13000–41**

Bond Amendment No. 2513 (to Amendment No. 2471), to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to review Federal agency actions affecting agricultural producers. **Page S13039**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 13, 2001, with a vote in relation to Bond Amendment No. 2513 (to Amendment No. 2471) (listed above) to occur at approximately 11 a.m. **Page S13039**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471 (listed above), in accordance with Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate. **Pages S13039–40**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S13057–69**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Pages S13069–70**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S13070**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—364) **Pages S12995, S13020**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 13, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13078.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MILITARY COMMISSIONS' NON-CITIZEN TREATMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine the Department of Defense implementation of the President's Military Order on the detention, treatment, and trial by military commissions of certain non-citizens in the war on terrorism, receiving testimony from Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary, and William J. Haynes II, General Counsel, both of the Department of Defense.

Hearing recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Harold Craig Manson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Kathleen Burton Clarke, of Utah, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Jeffrey D. Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and Rebecca W. Watson, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, all of the Department of the Interior, and Michael Smith, of Oklahoma, to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, Margaret S.Y. Chu, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, and Beverly Cook, of Idaho, to be Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, all of the Department of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee began markup of H.R. 3005 to extend trade authorities procedures with respect to reciprocal trade agreements, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.