

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1964–1969, and S. Res. 212. **Page S1208**

#### Measures Passed:

**Condolences to Family of Daniel Pearl:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 212, expressing the condolences of the Senate to the family of Daniel Pearl.

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**Tribal Claims:** Senate passed S. 1857, to encourage the negotiated settlement of tribal claims, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**Election Reform:** Senate continued consideration of S. 565, to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, and to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Adopted:

Dodd (for Harkin/McCain) Amendment No. 2913, to express the sense of the Congress that curbside voting should be only an alternative of last resort when providing accommodations for disabled voters (*adopted by the Senate on Monday, February 25, 2002.*)

McConnell (for Gramm) Amendment No. 2927, to guarantee the right of all active duty military personnel, merchant mariners, and their dependents to vote in Federal, State, and local elections. **Page S1143**

Dodd (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 2928, to determine whether voting systems are able to accom-

modate as many voters who have a limited proficiency in the English language as possible.

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Dodd (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 2869, to express the sense of the Senate regarding State and local input into changes made to the electoral process.

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Dodd (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 2931, to ensure the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal information collected, stored, or otherwise used by the free access system established for the purpose of permitting individuals casting provisional ballots to determine the final disposition of their vote.

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Dayton Modified Amendment No. 2898, to conduct a study on the establishment of a program that makes free postage available for certain individuals with respect to absentee ballots cast in elections for Federal office.

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Dodd (for Harkin) Modified Amendment No. 2912, to provide funds for protection and advocacy systems of each State to ensure full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities.

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Hatch Modified Amendment No. 2934, to express the Sense of the Senate that full funding shall be provided to each State and locality to meet the requirements relating to compliance with election technology and administration pursuant to this Act.

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By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 36), Cleland/Miller Amendment No. 2883, to amend the short title to read “Martin Luther King, Jr. Equal Protection of Voting Rights Act of 2001”.

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Dodd (for Sarbanes) Amendment No. 2938, to establish the “Help America Vote College Program”.

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Dodd (for Sessions) Amendment No. 2939, to authorize the Election Administration Commission to award grants to the National Student/Parent Mock Election to enable it to carry out voter education activities for students and their parents. **Pages S1193–94**

Pending:

Clinton Amendment No. 2906, to establish a residual ballot performance benchmark.

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Dodd (for Schumer) Modified Amendment No. 2914, to permit the use of a signature or personal mark for the purpose of verifying the identity of voters who register by mail.

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Dodd (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 2916, to clarify the application of the safe harbor provisions.

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Hatch Amendment No. 2935, to establish the Advisory Committee on Electronic Voting and the Electoral Process, and to instruct the Attorney General to study the adequacy of existing electoral fraud statutes and penalties.

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Hatch Amendment No. 2936, to make the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 permanent.

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Schumer/Wyden Amendment No. 2937, to permit the use of a signature or personal mark for the purpose of verifying the identity of voters who register by mail.

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Smith (NH) Amendment No. 2933, to prohibit the broadcast of certain false and untimely information on Federal elections.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Schumer/Wyden Amendment No. 2937 (listed above), on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, with a vote on or in relation to the amendment to occur at 10 a.m.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 27, 2002.

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

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 35), Robert E. Blackburn, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

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By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 37), Cindy K. Jorgenson, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

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

Robert Watson Cobb, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Major General Charles F. Bolden, Jr., United States Marine Corps, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Otto J. Reich, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).

Michael Alan Guhin, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, for the rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as U.S. Fissile Material Negotiator.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

24 Army nominations in the rank of general.

23 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—37)

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 8:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 27, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1222).

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—JUSTICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from John Ashcroft, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

### APPROPRIATIONS—AID

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the United States Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### ACCOUNTING AND INVESTOR PROTECTION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee resumed oversight hearings to examine accounting and investor protection issues, focusing on proposals to reform financial reporting by public companies, accounting standards, and oversight of