

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5391–S5463*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2613–2616, and S. Res. 283. **Page S5454**

**Death Tax Elimination Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 8, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period. **Pages S5398–S5435**

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

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 149), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to Reid (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 3832 (to Amendment No. 3831), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the estate tax in effect on December 31, 2009, to increase the exclusion amount to \$4,000,000 in 2009, and to provide a full family-owned business interest deduction in 2003. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S5398–S5412**

By 38 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 150), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to Conrad Amendment No. 3831, in the nature of a substitute. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S5398–S5434**

By yeas to nays (Vote No. 151), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 311(a)(2)(B) of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to Gramm/Kyl Amendment No. 3833, to permanently repeal the death tax. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment

was in violation of section 311(a)(2)(B) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S5412–34**

Pursuant to the order of April 23, 2002, the bill was returned to the Senate calendar. **Pages S5434–35**

**Terrorism Risk Insurance Act Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 2600, to ensure the continued financial capacity of insurers to provide coverage for risks from terrorism, at 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 13, 2002. **Pages S5435–41**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Optional Protocol No. 1 To Convention On Rights Of The Child On Involvement Of Children In Armed Conflict (Treaty Doc. 106–37A) and Optional Protocol No. 2 To Convention On The Rights Of The Child On The Sale Of Children, Child Prostitution And Child Pornography (Treaty Doc. 106–37B). (Ex. Rept. 107–4)

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S5462–63**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—151) **Pages S5412, S5434**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, June 13, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5463).

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and related programs, after receiving testimony from certain public witnesses.

### MEDICARE MEDICAL SUPPLIES PAYMENTS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine fraud, waste and abuse related to Medicare reimbursement for medical equipment and supplies, and ways to improve the process, including creating supplier standards, centralizing claims processing, reducing oxygen reimbursement, and introducing a more competitive bidding process, after receiving testimony from Janet Rehnquist, Inspector General, and Thomas A. Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Leslie G. Aronovitz, Director, Health Care-Program Administration and Integrity Issues, General Accounting Office; and David T. Williams, Invacare Corporation, Elyria, Ohio.

### INTERNET MANAGEMENT: ICANN GOVERNANCE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine reform and privatization issues of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), focusing on clarifying the mission and responsibilities, ensuring accountability, and developing an effective advisory role for governments, after receiving testimony from Nancy J. Victory, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information; Peter Guerrero, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; M. Stuart Lynn, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, Marina del Rey, California; Karl Auerbach, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers Board of Directors, San Jose, California; Roger J. Cochetti, VeriSign, Inc., and Alan B. Davidson, Center for Democracy and Technology, both of Washington, D.C.; and Cameron Powell, SnapNames, Portland, Oregon.

### NATIONAL PARKS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded hearings on S. 1257/H.R. 107, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold

War, S. 1312/H.R. 2109, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Virginia Key Beach, Florida, for possible inclusion in the National Park System, S. 1944, to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado, H.R. 38, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundaries of the Homestead National Monument of America in the State of Nebraska, H.R. 980, to establish the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site in the State of Tennessee as a unit of the National Park System, and H.R. 1712, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make adjustments to the boundary of the National Park of American Samoa to include certain portions of the islands of Ofu and Olosega within the park, after receiving testimony from Senator Bill Nelson; Representatives Faleomavaega, Meek, and Wamp; P. Daniel Smith, Special Assistant to the Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Steve Ririe, Silent Heroes of the Cold War National Memorial Committee, Las Vegas, Nevada; and James O. Mills, Friends of Moccasin Bend National Park, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

### CLEAN POWER ACT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 556, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions from electric power plants, after receiving testimony from Representative Kucinich; Ronald C. Methier, Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Atlanta, on behalf of the State and Territorial Air Pollution Program Administrators and the Association of Local Air Pollution Control Officials; Robert Page, TransAlta Corporation, Calgary, Canada; William F. Tyndall, Cinergy Services, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute; David G. Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.; Lee P. Hughes, Bayer Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Chemistry Council; Don Barger, National Parks Conservation Association, Knoxville, Tennessee; and J. Thomas Mullen, Catholic Charities Health and Human Services, Cleveland, Ohio.

### CHILDHOOD VACCINE SHORTAGE

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the causes and extent of the current shortage of childhood vaccines, their expected duration and impact, and the Federal government's role in maintaining the supply, after receiving testimony from Lester M. Crawford, Deputy Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, and Walter Orenstein, Director, National Immunization Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human