

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 30, Commending Coalition to Disarm Iraq.  
Senate passed H.R. 1307, Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act.

The House passed S. 151, after amending it to contain the text of H.R. 1104, Child Abduction Prevention Act, as passed the House. The House then insisted on its amendments and requested a conference with the Senate.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4459–S4540*

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 724–742, and S. Con. Res. 31. Page S4512

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources During the 107th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 108–30) Page S4511

#### Measures Passed:

**Commending Coalition to Disarm Iraq:** By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 109), Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 30, expressing the sense of Congress to commend and express the gratitude of the United States to the nations participating with the United States in the Coalition to Disarm Iraq. Pages S4483–90

**Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act:** By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 110), Senate passed H.R. 1307, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and to restore the tax exempt status of death gratuity payments to members of the uniformed services, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S4472–83, S4490–95

Baucus (for Grassley/Baucus) Amendment No. 433, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S4478–80

**Veterans’ Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act:** Senate passed S. 330, to further the protection and recognition of veterans’ memorials. Page S4539

**Tributes to Daniel Patrick Moynihan—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that tributes to Daniel Patrick Moynihan, late a Senator from New York, be printed as a Senate document, and that Members have until 12 noon, Friday, April 11, to submit said tributes. Pages S4474–75

**Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Theresa Lazar Springmann, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, at 6 p.m., on Monday, March 31, 2003, with a vote to occur on confirmation of the nomination. Page S4539

**Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Timothy M. Tymkovich, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 1, 2003; that there be 6 hours for debate, and the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination. Pages S4539–40

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

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 111), James V. Selna, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. Pages S4496, S4540

Vernon Bernard Parker, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. (New Position)

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Philip P. Simon, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

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

Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for a term of four years.

John A. Woodcock, Jr., of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

Mark R. Kravitz, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

L. Scott Coogler, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

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**Messages From the House:** Pages S4510–11

**Measures Referred:** Page S4510

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** Page S4511

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**Additional Statements:** Pages S4509–10

**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S4532–38

**Authority for Committees to Meet:** Pages S4538–39

**Privilege of the Floor:** Page S4539

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—111) Pages S4489–90, S4496

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 10 a.m., adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 3 p.m., on Monday, March 31, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4540.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Roderick Paige, Secretary of Education.

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation making

wartime supplemental appropriations, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, after receiving testimony from Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security; and Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: GAO/GPO/CBO

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the General Accounting Office, Government Printing Office, and Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from David Walker, Comptroller, General Accounting Office; Bruce James, Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### NATO

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), after receiving testimony from Marc I. Grossman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and Douglas J. Feith, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

### DISABLED MILITARY RETIREES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on compensation for disabled military retirees, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits; Sarah T. Jennings, Principal Analyst, Defense Cost Estimate Unit, Congressional Budget Office; Carolyn L. Merck, former Specialist in Social Legislation, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Education, Work, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; Colonel Steve Strobbridge, USAF (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; Master Gunnery Sergeant Benjamin H. Butler, USMC (Ret.), National Association for the Uniformed Services, Springfield, Virginia; and G. Michael Schlee, American Legion National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: WARFIGHTERS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded closed hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on intelligence support to warfighters, after receiving testimony from Stephen A. Cambone, Under Secretary