

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 1072, SAFE Transportation Equity Act.

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 361, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1195–S1415

Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2068–2095, S.J. Res. 27, S. Res. 302–304, and S. Con. Res. 89. **Pages S1285–86**

Measures Passed:

SAFE Transportation Equity Act: By 76 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 14), Senate passed S. 1072, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1195–S1265**

Adopted:

Dorgan Amendment No. 2430 (to Amendment No. 2285), to modify the penalty for nonenforcement of open container requirements. **Pages S1225–29, S1232**

Reid (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2333 (to Amendment No. 2285), to encourage States to give priority to pedestrian and bicycle facility enhancement projects that include a coordinated physical activity or healthy lifestyles program. **Pages S1237–38**

Talent/Wyden Amendment No. 2482 (to Amendment No. 2285), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-exempt private activity bonds to be issued for highway projects and rail-truck transfer facilities. **Pages S1238–39**

DeWine Amendment No. 2396 (to Amendment No. 2285), to enhance motor vehicle safety. **Page S1240**

Reid (for Corzine) Amendment No. 2308 (to Amendment No. 2285), to permit funds to be used for programs to impound the vehicles of drunk or impaired drivers. **Page S1240**

Reid (for Corzine) Amendment No. 2312 (to Amendment No. 2285), to require additional pro-

grams and activities to address distracted, inattentive, and fatigued drivers. **Page S1240**

Bond (for Murkowski/Stevens) Modified Amendment No. 2498 (to Amendment No. 2285), to establish the Denali Access System in the State of Alaska. **Page S1240**

Bond (for Shelby) Modified Amendment No. 2532 (to Amendment No. 2285), to establish the Delta Region transportation development program. **Pages S1240–41**

Inhofe Amendment No. 2616 (to Amendment No. 2285), to make certain improvements to the bill. **Page S1242**

Inhofe Amendment No. 2285, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1242**

Rejected:

By 17 yeas to 78 nays (Vote No. 11), Hutchison Amendment No. 2388 (to Amendment No. 2285), to provide for the distribution of funds under the infrastructure performance and maintenance program. **Page S1206**

By 20 yeas to 78 nays (Vote No. 13), Kyl Amendment No. 2473 (to Amendment 2285), to provide for a substitute to title V. **Pages S1220–25**

Withdrawn:

Inhofe Amendment No. 2591 (to Amendment No. 2388), to set the effective date of the section. **Page S1206**

Landrieu Amendment No. 2615 (to Amendment No. 2388), to establish a program to apportion funds to States for use in the acceleration and completion of coordinated planning, design, and construction of internationally significant highway projects. **Pages S1229–32**

Bond Amendment No. 2502 (to Amendment No. 2285), to strike the highway stormwater discharge mitigation program. **Pages S1233–34**

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

By 86 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 10), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Inhofe Amendment No. 2285 (listed above). **Pages S1198–99**

Chair sustained a point of order that Clinton/Bingaman Amendment No. 2311 (to language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2285), to express the sense of the Senate concerning the outsourcing of American jobs, was not germane to the bill, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S1199**

Bond Amendment No. 2327 (to Amendment No. 2311), to limit liability with respect to the owners of rented or leased motor vehicles, fell when Clinton/Bingaman Amendment No. 2311 was ruled not germane. **Page S1199**

By 72 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 12), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Inhofe Amendment No. 2285, in the nature of a substitute. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 fell. **Page S1219**

The motion to invoke cloture on the bill was vitiated. **Page S1198**

Congratulating Carroll College Fighting Saints Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 303, commending the Carroll College Fighting Saints football team for winning the 2003 National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics (NAIA) national football championship game. **Pages S1401–02**

Service Block Grants Improvements Act: Senate passed S. 1786, to revise and extend the Community Services Block Grant Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Assets for Independence Act, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1402–13**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 361, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page S1413**

Iran Elections: Senate agreed to S. Res. 304, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should not support the February 20, 2004, elections in Iran and that the United States should advocate democratic government in Iran that will restore freedom to the Iranian people and will abandon terrorism. **Page S1415**

Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies Access to Care Act: Senate began consideration of the motion

to proceed to consideration of S. 2061, to improve women's health access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services. **Page S1401**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, February 24, 2004. **Page S1401**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Tuesday, February 23, 2004. **Page S1401**

Pension Funding Equity Act—Conferees Appointed: Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 3108, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Grassley, Gregg, McConnell, Baucus, and Kennedy. **Page S1401**

Washington's Farewell Address—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the Resolution of the Senate of January 24, 1901, that on Monday, February 23, 2004, immediately following the prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the disposition of the Journal, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place. **Page S1401**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during this adjournment of the Senate, the Majority Leader or the Assistant Majority Leader, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S1413**

Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday, February 18, 2004, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. **Page S1413**

Appointments:

Washington's Farewell Address: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, as modified by the order of February 12, 2004, appointed Senator Breaux to read Washington's Farewell Address on Monday, February 23, 2004. **Page S1401**

Policy Committee to the White House Conference on Aging: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, after consultation with the member of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and the Committee on Aging, pursuant to Public Law 100–175, as amended by Public Laws 102–375, 103–171, and 106–501, appointed the following as members of the Policy Committee to the White House Conference on Aging: Senators Harkin and Reid. **Page S1401**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Samuel W. Bodman, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S1401**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gregory B. Jaczko, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2008.

Miles T. Bivins, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Sweden.

Marc McGowan Wall, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

Richard S. Williamson, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

William Duane Benton, of Missouri, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—14) **Pages S1198–99, S1206, S1219, S1225, S1265**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 8:30 a.m., and, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 361, adjourned at 8:49 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, February 23, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1414.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the first monetary policy report to Congress for 2004, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed fiscal year 2005 budget for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Gale A. Norton, Secretary of the Interior.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 1466, to facilitate the transfer of land in the State of Alaska, S. 1421, to authorize the subdivision and dedication of restricted land owned by Alaska Natives, S. 1649, to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, and S. 1910, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out an inventory and management program for forests derived from public domain land, after receiving testimony from Senator Stevens; Kathleen Clarke, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Peter M. Pino, Pueblo of Zia, Zia Pueblo, New Mexico; Martin Heinrich, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Marty Rutherford, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, and Jack Hession, Sierra Club, both of Anchorage, Alaska; James Mery, Doyon, Limited, Fairbanks, Alaska; Russell Heath, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, and Edward K. Thomas, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, both of Juneau, Alaska.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request