

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Death Tax Elimination Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6767–S6989

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2870–2877, and S. Res. 336. **Page S6841**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 2420, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and civilian and military retirees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–344) **Page S6841**

Measures Passed:

Death Tax Elimination Act: By 59 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 197), Senate passed H.R. 8, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6767–81**

Adopted:

Roth Amendment No. 3841, to provide for pension reform by creating tax incentives for savings. **Pages S6768–69**

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 196), Roth (for Lott) motion to commit to Committee on Finance with instructions to report back forthwith. **Pages S6768, S6770**

Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 189), Kerry Amendment No. 3839, to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families. **Pages S6767–68**

By 42 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 192), Harkin Amendment No. 3840, to protect and provide resources for the Social Security System, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the “moth-

erhood penalty”, increase the widow’s and widower’s benefit and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction. **Pages S6768–69**

By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 193), Bayh Amendment No. 3843, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction and provide a long-term care credit. **Pages S6768–69**

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 195), Feingold Amendment No. 3844, to preserve budget surplus funds so that they might be available to extend the life of Social Security and Medicare. **Pages S6768, S6770**

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

By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 190), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Santorum Amendment No. 3838, to provide for the designation of renewal communities and to provide tax incentives relating to such communities, to provide a tax credit to taxpayers investing in entities seeking to provide capital to create new markets in low-income communities, and to provide for the establishment of Individual Development Accounts. Subsequently, a 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. **Page S6768**

By 41 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 191), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Dodd Amendment No. 3837, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business

interest deduction, to increase, expand, and simplify the child and dependent care tax credit, to expand the adoption credit for special needs children, to provide incentives for employer-provided child care. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6768–69**

By 14 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 194), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Gramm (for Lott) Amendment No. 3842, to provide tax relief by providing modifications to education individual retirement accounts. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6768–70**

Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act: Senate passed H.R. 4391, to amend title 4 of the United States Code to establish sourcing requirements for State and local taxation of mobile telecommunication services, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S6812–13**

Radiation Exposure: Senate agreed to S. Res. 336, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the contributions, sacrifices, and distinguished service of Americans exposed to radiation or radioactive materials as a result of service in the Armed Forces. **Pages S6982–83**

Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Reconciliation Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 4810, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001, striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2839, Senate companion measure, as an amendment, which was subsequently agreed to, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6781–S6812, S6813–28**

Withdrawn:

Reid (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 3858, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued by Amtrak. **Pages S6798, S6812**

Pending:

Roth point of order against section 4 of the bill that it violates section 313 of the Congressional Budget Act. **Page S6784**

Roth motion to waive all points of order under the budget process, arising from the earned-income credit component. **Page S6784**

Feingold motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions that the Com-

mittee report it back along with legislation that would substantially extend the solvency of Social Security and Medicare. **Pages S6784–85**

Feingold Amendment No. 3845, to strike the adjustment to the rate brackets and to further adjust the standard deduction. **Pages S6785–88**

Feingold Amendment No. 3846, to provide a nonrefundable credit against tax for costs of COBRA continuation insurance and allow extended COBRA coverage for qualified retirees. **Pages S6788–89**

Harkin Amendment No. 3847, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex. **Pages S6789–90**

Kennedy Amendment No. 3848, to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to permit States to expand coverage under the Medicaid program and SCHIP to parents of enrolled children. **Pages S6790–92**

Brownback Modified Amendment No. 3849, to provide tax relief for farmers. **Pages S6795, S6823–25**

Reid (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3850, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for health insurance costs of self-employed individuals. **Page S6795**

Roth (for Bond) Amendment No. 3851, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for 100 percent of the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals. **Page S6795**

Reid (for Durbin) Modified Amendment No. 3852, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow small business employers a credit against income tax for employee health insurance expenses paid or incurred by the employer. **Pages S6795–96, S6811–12**

Reid (for Robb) Amendment No. 3853, to make the bill effective upon enactment of a Medicare prescription drug benefit. **Pages S6796–97**

Reid (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3854, to ensure that children enrolled in the Medicaid program at highest risk for lead poisoning are identified and treated. **Page S6797**

Reid (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3855, to amend the Social Security Act to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare coverage of individuals disabled with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. **Page S6797**

Reid (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3856, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to lower the adjusted gross income threshold for deductible disaster casualty losses to 5 percent, to make such deduction an above-the-line deduction, to allow an election to take such deduction for the preceding or succeeding year, and to eliminate the marriage penalty for individuals suffering casualty losses. **Pages S6797–98**

Reid (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3857, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty for individuals suffering casualty losses. **Page S6798**

Reid (for Cleland) Amendment No. 3859, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude United States savings bond income from gross income if used to pay long-term care expenses. **Pages S6798–99**

Reid (for Cleland) Amendment No. 3860, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the enhanced deduction for corporate donations of computer technology to public libraries and community centers. **Page S6799**

Roth (for Grams) Amendment No. 3861, to repeal the increase in tax on Social Security benefits. **Pages S6799–S6800**

Roth (for Abraham) Modified Amendment No. 3862, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the need to repeal the marriage tax penalty and improve coverage of prescription drugs under the Medicare program this year. **Pages S6800, S6808**

Moynihan Amendment No. 3863, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6800–04**

Roth Amendment No. 3864, to strike sunset provision. **Page S6804**

Roth Amendment No. 3865 (to Amendment No. 3863), to strike sunset provision. **Page S6804**

Roth motion to waive any point of order made against Amendments numbered 3864 and 3865 (to Amendment No. 3863). **Page S6804**

Reid Amendment No. 3866 (to Amendment No. 3861), to express the sense of the Senate that the general fund transfer mechanism included in the Grams Social Security amendment should be used to extend the life of the Medicare trust fund through 2030, to ensure that Medicare remains a strong health insurance program for our nation's seniors and that its payments to health providers remain adequate. **Page S6804**

Roth (for Grams) Amendment No. 3867 (to Amendment No. 3861), to repeal the increase in tax on Social Security benefits. **Page S6804**

Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3868, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to maintain exemption of Alaska from dyeing requirements for exempt diesel fuel and kerosene. **Page S6805**

Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3869, to amend section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code. **Page S6805**

Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3870, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a charitable deduction for certain expenses incurred in support of Native Alaskan subsistence whaling. **Page S6805**

Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3871, to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide for equitable treatment of trusts created to preserve the benefits of Alaska Native Settlement Act. **Pages S6805–06**

Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3872, to clarify the tax treatment of passengers filling empty seats on noncommercial airplanes. **Page S6806**

Roth (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3873, to amend title 26 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1986 to allow income averaging for fishermen without negative Alternative Minimum Tax treatment, for the creation of risk management accounts for fishermen. **Pages S6806–08**

Burns Amendment No. 3874, to repeal of the modification of the installment method. **Page S6811**

Reid (for Hollings) Amendment No. 3875, to pay down the debt by striking the tax cuts. **Page S6812**

Reid (for Dodd) Amendment No. 3876, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction, to increase, expand, and simplify the child and dependent care tax credit, to expand the adoption credit for special needs children, to provide incentives for employer-provided child care. **Page S6812**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3877, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat payments under the Conservation Reserve Program as rentals from real estate, expand the applicability of section 179 expensing, provide an exclusion for gain from the sale of farmland, and allow a deduction for 100 percent of the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals. **Pages S6815–16**

Reid (for Wellstone) No. 3879, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the restoration of reductions in payments under the Medicare program caused by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. **Pages S6816–17**

Reid (for Wellstone) No. 3880, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the restoration of reductions in payments under the Medicare program caused by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. **Pages S6816–17**

Nickles (for Lott) Amendment No. 3881, to provide a substitute. **Pages S6821–22**

Nickles (for Lott) Amendment No. 3882, to provide a substitute. **Pages S6822–23**

Legislative Branch Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of H.R. 4516, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto. Further, that the bill be read a third time and passed, the Senate insist on its amendments, request a conference with the House

thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S6812**

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Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—197) **Pages S6768–70, S6781**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:01 a.m., and adjourned at 4:19 p.m., until 12 noon on Monday, July 17, 2000. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6983.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House

Chamber Action

The House was not in session. It will next meet on Monday, July 17 at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour debates.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D722)

H.R. 4425, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. Signed July 13, 2000. (P.L. 106–246)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 17 through July 22, 2000

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4578, Interior Appropriations. Also, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4810, Marriage Tax Penalty Reconciliation Act, with votes on certain pending amendments and final passage of the bill, to occur beginning at 6:15 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4578, Interior Appropriations, with votes on certain pending amendments to occur at 9:45 a.m.

During the remainder of the week, Senate expects to consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Special Committee on Aging: July 17, to hold hearings to examine end-of-life issues, focusing on improving care, easing pain, and helping families, 1:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: July 18, Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine the future of United States agricultural export program, 2:30 p.m., SR–328A.

July 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine implications of high energy prices on United States agriculture, 9 a.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: July 18, business meeting to mark up H.R. 4733, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001; and H.R. 4690, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, 2 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: July 20, to hold closed hearings on the situation in Iraq and U.S. military operations in and around Iraq, 9:30 a.m., S–407, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 18, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings on S. 2733, to provide for the preservation of assisted housing for low income elderly persons, disabled persons, and other families, 2 p.m., SD–538.

July 19, Subcommittee on Securities, to hold hearings on adapting a 1930’s financial reporting model to the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD–538.

July 20, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on the conduct of monetary policy by the Federal Reserve, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 18, to hold hearings to examine the impact of climate change on the United States, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

July 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Norman Y. Mineta, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.