

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 6, Marriage Penalty and Family Tax Relief.  
House Committee ordered reported the Death Tax Elimination Act of 2001.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3069–S3181*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-one bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 644–664, and S. Res. 65. **Pages S3151–52**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate During the 106th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 107–8)

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations”. (S. Rept. No. 107–9) **Page S3150**

**Campaign Finance Reform:** Senate continued consideration of S. 27, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3070–S3141**

#### Adopted:

Bingaman Amendment No. 157, to require the Presidential Inaugural Committee to disclose donations and prohibit foreign nationals from making donations to such Committee. **Pages S3110–11**

Nelson Amendment No. 159, to prohibit fraudulent solicitation of funds. **Page S3122**

By 82 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 61), Specter Modified Amendment No. 140, to provide findings regarding the current state of campaign finance laws and to clarify the definition of electioneering communication. **Pages S3070, S3118–23**

Dodd (for Kerry) Amendment No. 160, to provide a study of the effects of State laws that provide public financing of elections. **Pages S3123–24**

Levin Amendment No. 161, to amend the definition of Federal election activity as it applies to State, district, or local committees of political parties. **Pages S3124–26**

Durbin/Cochran Amendment No. 162, to establish clarity standards for identification of sponsors in certain election-related advertising. **Pages S3126–27**

Dodd (for Thompson) Amendment No. 163, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to enhance criminal penalties for election law violations. **Pages S3127–28**

#### Rejected:

By 28 yeas to 72 nays (Vote No. 57), DeWine Amendment No. 152, to strike certain provisions relating to non-candidate campaign expenditures, including rules relating to certain targeted electioneering communications. **Pages S3070–76**

By 32 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 58), Harkin/Wellstone Amendment No. 155, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a voluntary system of spending limits with respect to Senate election campaigns. **Pages S3077–86**

Frist/Breaux Modified Amendment No. 156, to make certain provisions nonseverable, and to provide for expedited judicial review of any provision of, or amendment made by, this Act. (By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 59), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3087–S3105**

Bingaman Amendment No. 158, to provide candidates for election to Federal office with the opportunity to respond to negative political advertisements sponsored by noncandidates. (By 72 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 60), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3111–17**

#### Pending:

Reed Amendment No. 164, to make amendments regarding the enforcement authority and procedures of the Federal Election Commission. **Pages S3128–48**

A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Friday, March 30, 2001, with votes on pending amendments to occur beginning at 11:00 a.m. Further,

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, April 2, 2001, with a vote on final passage to occur at 5:30 p.m. **Page S3123**

#### Appointments:

**U.S. Merchant Marine Academy:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Title 46, Section 1295(b), of the U.S.Code, as amended by Public Law 101-595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy: Senator McCain, ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and Senator Snowe, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S3180**

**U.S. Coast Guard Academy:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101-595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy: Senator McCain, ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; and Senator Fitzgerald, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S3180**

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

Charles S. Abell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Grant D. Aldonas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

Brenda L. Becker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S3150-51**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S3149-50**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S3180**

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—61) **Pages S3076, S3086, S3105, S3117, S3122-23**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:30 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, March 30, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of

the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3180.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BIOMASS AND ENVIRONMENTAL TRADING

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee concluded hearings to examine issues related to progress and funding of research to promote the conversion of biomass into biobased, chemicals, fuels, and other industrial products, products which are derived from plant material, after receiving testimony from David Batchelor, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Lansing; Bruce E. Dale, Michigan State University Department of Chemical Engineering, East Lansing; Patrick R. Gruber, Cargill Dow, Minnetonka, Minnesota; Robert L. Judd, Jr., USA Biomass Power Producers Alliance, Sacramento, California; Edward L. Woolsey, Iowa-Sustainable Energy for Economic Development, Prole; Richard L. Sandor, Environmental Financial Products, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; Bruce A. McCarl, Texas A&M University Department of Agricultural Economics, College Station; Gary Kaster, American Electric Power Company, McConnellsville, Ohio; John Kadyszewski, Winrock International, Morrilton, Arkansas; Robert Bonnie, Environmental Defense, and Jeff Fiedler, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jim Kinsella, Lexington, Illinois

### NOMINATIONS

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee ordered favorably reported 3,920 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

### PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Subcommittee on Securities and Investment concluded hearings on S. 206, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and to enact the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2001, after receiving testimony from Isaac C. Hunt, Jr., Commissioner, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Cynthia A. Marlette, Deputy General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; David M. Sparby, Xcel Energy Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; David L. Sokol, MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company, Des Moines, Iowa; and Charles A. Acquard, National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, Silver Spring, Maryland.