

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 1474, Check Truncation Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12565–S12634*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1731–1738, S. Res. 243, and S. Con. Res. 73. **Page S12607**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1146, to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Unit Tribal Advisory Committee by providing authorization for the construction of a rural health care facility on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–165). **Page S12607**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 243, designating the week of October 19, 2003, through October 25, 2003, as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”. **Pages S12622, S12632**

**Public Printer Authority:** Senate passed H.R. 3229, to amend title 44, United States Code, to transfer to the Public Printer the authority over the individuals responsible for preparing indexes of the Congressional Record, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12632**

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, Iraq and Afghanistan:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1689, making emergency supplemental appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan security and reconstruction for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12574–79, S12579–99**

#### Adopted:

Ensign Amendment No. 1839, to reduce the amount available for reconstruction in Iraq by the amount that is used to repay bilateral debts owed by Iraq. **Pages S12578–79, S12579–80**

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 383), Byrd Amendment No. 1846, to modify the report

requirements with respect to the Coalition Provisional Authority. **Pages S12585–89**

Boxer Amendment No. 1844, to require a report on replacing U.S. troops with Iraqi forces or other non-U.S. forces in secure areas of Iraq. **Page S12590**

Feingold Amendment No. 1847, to provide transparency and accountability with respect to the Coalition Provisional Authority. **Page S12589**

Reid (for Corzine) Amendment No. 1851, to require the President to submit periodic reports to Congress on the total projected costs of United States operations in Iraq, including military operations and reconstruction efforts, through fiscal year 2008. **Pages S12589–90**

Graham (SC) Modified Amendment No. 1805, to express the sense of Congress that arbitrary deadlines should not be set for the dissolution of the Coalition Provisional Authority or the transfer of its authority to an Iraqi governing authority. **Pages S12581–82, S12590**

Reid Amendment No. 1836, to express the sense of Congress on damages caused by the regime of Saddam Hussein during the First Gulf War. **Pages S12590–91**

Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 1842, to require reports on the utilization of the National Guard and Reserves. **Pages S12580–81**

By 95 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 384), Graham (SC) Modified Amendment No. 1806, to express the sense of Congress that the removal of the Government of Saddam Hussein has enhanced the security of Israel and other United States allies. **Pages S12591–92, S12593–95**

#### Withdrawn:

Reid/Lincoln Amendment No. 1835, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability. **Page S12577**

Pending:

Byrd Amendment No. 1818, to impose a limitation on the use of sums appropriated for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund. **Page S12574**

Byrd/Durbin Amendment No. 1819, to prohibit the use of Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Funds for low priority activities that should not be the responsibility of U.S. taxpayers, and shift \$600 million from the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund to Defense Operations and Maintenance, Army, for significantly improving efforts to secure and destroy conventional weapons, such as bombs, bomb materials, small arms, rocket propelled grenades, and shoulder-launched missiles, in Iraq. **Page S12574**

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 1825, to provide additional VA Medical Care Funds for the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S12574**

Durbin Amendment No. 1837, to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform certain service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred. **Page S12574**

Reed/Hagel Amendment No. 1834, to increase the end strength of the Army and to structure the additional forces for constabulary duty. (By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 382), Senate failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S12576–77**

Stevens Motion to Reconsider the vote by which the motion to table Reed/Hagel Amendment No. 1834 (listed above) failed. **Page S12577**

Feingold Amendment No. 1852, to enable military family members to take leave to attend to deployment-related business and tasks. **Pages S12592–93**

Daschle Amendment No. 1854, to achieve the most effective means of reconstructing Iraq and to reduce the future costs to the American taxpayer of such reconstruction by ensuring broad-based international cooperation for this effort. **Pages S12595–96**

Feinstein Amendment No. 1848, to require reports on the United States strategy for relief and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, and to limit the availability of certain funds for those efforts pending determinations by the President that the objectives and deadlines for those efforts will be substantially achieved. **Pages S12596–98**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 1858, to set aside from certain amounts available for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund, \$10,000,000 for the Family Readiness Program of the National Guard. **Page S12598**

Reid (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 1859, to promote the establishment of an Iraq Reconstruction Finance Authority and the use of Iraqi oil revenues to pay for reconstruction in Iraq. **Pages S12598–99**

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

By 47 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 381), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Corzine/Durbin Amendment No. 1811, to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 to 55. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Pages S12574–75**

Chair sustained a point of order against Lincoln Amendment No. 1829, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve tax equity for military personnel, as being in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S12582–85**

Chair sustained a point of order against Reid Amendment No. 1838, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veteran Affairs for their disability, as being in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S12577–78, S12591**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 16, 2003. **Page S12633**

**Check Truncation Act—Conference Report:** Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1474, to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12632–33**

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

Marguerita Dianne Ragsdale, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti. **Page S12634**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S12603–07**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Page S12607**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S12607–09**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S12609–22**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S12601–03**

Amendments Submitted: Pages S12624–31  
 Notices of Hearings/Meetings: Page S12631  
 Authority for Committees to Meet: Pages S12631–32

Privilege of the Floor: Page S12632

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today.  
 (Total—384) Pages S12575, S12577, S12588, S12594

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 16, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S12633–34.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### SECURITIES MARKETS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities and Investment concluded a hearing on the future of the securities markets, focusing on the structure of the U.S. equities markets, with particular regard to their fairness and efficiency, after receiving testimony from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 811, to support certain housing proposals in the fiscal year 2003 budget for the Federal Government, including the downpayment assistance initiative under the HOME Investment Partnership Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 300, to award a congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson (posthumously), in recognition of his many contributions to the Nation, and to express the sense of Congress that there should be a national day in recognition of Jackie Robinson; and

The nominations of Harvey S. Rosen, of New Jersey, and Kristin J. Forbes, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement, Peter Lichtenbaum, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

### WATER BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings to examine S. 943, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into 1 or more contracts with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of water

in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming, S. 1027 and H.R. 2040, bills to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska, S. 1058, to provide a cost-sharing requirement for the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, S. 1071, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on a water conservation project within the Arch Hurley Conservancy District in the State of New Mexico, S. 1307, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to assist in the implementation of fish passage and screening facilities at non-Federal water projects, S. 1308, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to pursue and complete actions related to the implementation of a U.S. District Court Consent Decree, S. 1355, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon, S. 1577, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming, H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project, and S. Res. 183, commemorating 50 years of adjudication under the McCarran Amendment of rights to the use of water, after receiving testimony from Senator Allard; Representative Musgrave; John W. Keys III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and James W. Broderick, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Pueblo.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1066, to correct a technical error from Unit T-07 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1643, to exempt certain coastal barrier property from financial assistance and flood insurance limitations under the Coastal Barriers Resources Act and the National Flood Act of 1968, with amendments;

S. 1663, to replace certain Coastal Barrier Resources System maps;

S. 1669, to reauthorize the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act; and

The nomination of Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.