

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13839–S13945

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1815–1819, and S. Res. 258. **Page S13909**

Measures Passed:

Federal Court Proceedings: Senate passed S. 1720, to provide for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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National Consumer Credit Reporting System Improvement Act: Senate began consideration of S. 1753, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act in order to prevent identity theft, to improve the use of and consumer access to consumer reports, to enhance the accuracy of consumer reports, to limit the sharing of certain consumer information, to improve financial education and literacy, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Shelby/Sarbanes Amendment No. 2053, in the nature of a substitute. (Amendment, as agreed to, will be considered original text for the purpose of further amendment.) **Pages S13849–60**

Cantwell/Enzi Amendment No. 2059, to provide for certain information to be provided to victims of identity theft. **Pages S13876–77**

Boxer/Feinstein Amendment No. 2060, to address the duration of certain consumer elections and to define the term “pre-existing business relationship”. **Pages S13877–78**

Feinstein Amendment No. 2061, to address restrictions on the sharing of medical information among affiliates. **Pages S13878–79**

Corzine Amendment No. 2064, to require financial institutions and other users of consumer reports to provide notice to appropriate Federal agencies in cases in which consumer information is compromised. **Pages S13884–85**

Shelby (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 2067, to ensure proper disposal of consumer information and records derived from consumer reports. **Pages S13889–90**

Rejected:

Feinstein Amendment No. 2054, to create a national opt-out standard for affiliate sharing to prevent personal customer information from being shared by affiliated companies. (By 70 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 434), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S13860–76**

Feingold Amendment No. 2065, to provide for data-mining reports to Congress. (By 61 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 435), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S13885–86, S13890–91**

Withdrawn:

Durbin Amendment No. 2062, to require reporting to national consumer reporting agencies regarding Federal student loans in order to promote the responsible repayment of such loans and ensure the completeness of information contained in consumer credit reports and scores. **Pages S13879–81**

Feingold Amendment No. 2066, to require a report to Congress regarding Federal acquisitions of American-made products. **Pages S13886–89**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate vote on final passage of the bill on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader after consultation with the Democratic Leader; following which Senate will insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate; further, that today, S. 1753 be returned to the calendar. **Page S13891**

Agriculture Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following morning business, at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. **Page S13891**

Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act—Amendment Modified: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the November 3, 2003 passage of H.R. 3365, to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the death gratuity payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces and to exclude such gratuity from gross income, to provide additional tax relief for members of the Armed Forces and their families, the following amendment, previously agreed to, was modified:

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McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 2051, in the nature of a substitute.

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Appointments: (The following appointment was announced by the Chair on November 3, 2003.)

National Council of the Arts: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve as a member of the National Council of the Arts: Senator Bennett, vice Senator Sessions.

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Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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A second motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, November 6, 2003.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary for a period not to exceed 30 days of Senate session.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Gwendolyn Brown, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—435) **Pages S13876, S13890 91**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:33 a.m., and adjourned at 7:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 5, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13945.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FINANCIAL RECONSTRUCTION IN IRAQ

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing on current financial reconstruction efforts in Iraq, focusing on activities to develop a sound infrastructure for economic recovery, after receiving testimony from M. Peter McPherson, Michigan State University, East Lansing, former Director of Economic Development, Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq; and Mark Malloch Brown, United Nations Development Programme, New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Cheryl Feldman Halpern, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, who was introduced by Senator Lautenberg, Elizabeth Courtney, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, who was introduced by Senator Allen, Kirk Van Tine, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, who was introduced by Senator Allen, and Michael D. Gallagher, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael O'Grady, of Maryland, and Jennifer Young, of Ohio, who was introduced by Senator Voinovich, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Bradley D. Belt, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.