

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2053–S2143

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2408–2414. **Page S2122**

Measures Reported:

S. 1608, to enhance Federal Trade Commission enforcement against illegal spam, spyware, and cross-border fraud and deception. (S. Rept. No. 109–219)

S. 1110, to amend the Federal Hazardous Substances Act to require engine coolant and antifreeze to contain a bittering agent in order to render the coolant or antifreeze unpalatable, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–220) **Pages S2121–22**

Congressional Budget Resolution: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 83, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 and 2008 through 2011, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2054–S2116**

Adopted:

Talent Amendment No. 3019, to provide \$99,000,000 in COPS Hot Spots funding as authorized in the Combat Meth Act. **Pages S2083–85**

Talent Amendment No. 3011, to increase funding for defense. **Pages S2062–66, S2092**

Chafee Amendment No. 3014, to increase funding for part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2072–74, S2093–94**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 40), Burns/Chafee Amendment No. 2999, to provide increased funding for veterans health programs, and to negate the need for enrollment fees and increase in pharmacy co-payments. **Pages S2074–78, S2094**

Stabenow Amendment No. 3055, to ensure appropriate funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program of the Department of Commerce. **Page S2100**

Rejected:

By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 38), Conrad Amendment No. 3013, to fully reinstate the pay-as-you-go requirement through 2011. **Pages S2056–62, S2091–92**

By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 39), Kennedy Amendment No. 3028, to support college access and job training by: (1) restoring program cuts slated for vocational education, TRIO, GEAR UP, Perkins Loans, and other student aid programs; (2) increasing investment in student aid programs, including increasing the maximum Pell Grant to \$4,500; and (3) restoring cuts slated for job training programs; paid for by closing \$6.3 billion in corporate tax loopholes. **Pages S2066–72, S2092–93**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 41), Akaka Amendment No. 3007, to increase Veterans medical services funding by \$1.5 billion in fiscal year 2007 to be paid for by closing corporate tax loopholes. **Pages S2078–83, S2094–95**

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 42), Bingaman Amendment No. 3039, to make energy more affordable and sustainable, to increase our national security through foreign oil replacement with biofuels and alternative fuels and advanced/hybrid vehicle use, to accelerate production and market penetration of clean and renewable energy technologies and generation, and to more fully utilize energy efficiency and conservation technologies and practices. **Pages S2085–90, S2095–96**

Pending:

Specter Amendment No. 3048, to increase the advance appropriations allowance in order to fund health, education and training, and low-income programs. **Pages S2096–S2100**

Stabenow Amendment No. 3056, to provide \$5 billion for our emergency responders so that they can field effective and reliable interoperable communications equipment to respond to natural disasters, terrorist attacks, and the public safety needs of America's communities, and fully offset this by closing tax loopholes and collecting more from the tax gap. **Pages S2101–03**

Menendez Amendment No. 3054, to provide an additional \$965 million to make our ports more secure by increasing port security grants, increasing inspections, improving existing programs, and increasing research and development, and to fully offset this additional funding by closing tax loopholes. **Pages S2103–07, S2113**

McConnell Amendment No. 3061, to provide funding for maritime security, including the Container Security Initiative, improved data for targeted cargo searches, and full background checks and security threat assessments of personnel at our nation's seaports.

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Byrd Amendment No. 3062, to provide \$184 million over five years for the Mine Safety and Health Administration to hire additional mine safety inspectors, paid for by closing corporate tax loopholes.

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Chambliss (for Dayton) Amendment No. 3018, to restore funding for the Byrne/JAG grant program to the FY 2003 level of \$900 million, offset with an across the board cut to administrative expenses, travel and consulting services.

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Murray Amendment No. 3063, to restore funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program to the fiscal 2004 level by closing tax loopholes previously slated for elimination in Senate-passed legislation.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, Senate begin consideration of certain amendments for specific periods of debate; that following the use, or yielding back of time, Senate vote on, or in relation to the amendments, with no second-degree amendments in order to the amendments prior to the votes; that the time used during the votes count equally against the resolution.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, March 15, 2006.

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Nomination Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that a list of nominations in the Coast Guard (Executive Calendar No. 428) be recommitted to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—42)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 7:59 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, March 15, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2143.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Boyd Kevin Rutherford, of Maryland, and Linda Avery Strachan, of Virginia, each to be an Assistant Secretary, Gale A. Buchanan, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Marc L. Kesselman, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

APPROPRIATIONS: FDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Andrew C. von Eschenbach, Acting Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: D.C. AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Eric T. Washington, Chief Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Chair, Joint Committee on Judicial Administration; Rufus G. King III, Chief Judge, District of Columbia Superior Court; Paul Quander, Jr., Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency; Avis E. Buchanan, Director, Public Defender Service; and Reverend Donald Isassc, East of the River Clergy-Police-Community Partnership.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, focusing on combatant commanders on their military strategy and operational requirements, after