

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Friday, May 23, 2003

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1147. A bill *to protect United States ports, and for other purposes*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Boxer

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S. 1158. A bill *to exempt bookstores and libraries from orders requiring the production of tangible things for foreign intelligence investigations, and to exempt libraries from counterintelligence access to certain records, ensuring that libraries and bookstores are subjected to the regular system of court-ordered warrants*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Boxer

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H. J. Res. 51 - Debt Limit Extension:

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 202), Senate passed H. J. Res. 51, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 197), **Baucus Amendment No. 833**, to reduce the amount by which the statutory limit on the public debt is increased.

Pages S 7089-S 7110, S 7110-15, D 587

Hollings Amendment No. 836, relative to the applicability of public debt limit to Social Security Trust Funds. (By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 201), Senate tabled the amendment.

Pages S 7106-10, S 7110, D 587

Harkin Amendment No. 838, requiring estimates of certain decreases in Federal revenues for periods after the decrease is sunset.

Pages S 7112-14, D 587

Durbin Amendment No. 839, to require a CBO report on any new debt created by a budget resolution upon the reporting of that budget resolution.

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

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 200), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, **Senate rejected the motion to waive section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Feingold Amendment No. 835, to extend the current-law pay-as-you-go requirement.** Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls.

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Subsequently, the measure was cleared for the President.

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S. Res. 156 - Senate Legal Representation:

Senate agreed to S. Res. 156, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Judicial Watch, Inc. v. United States Senate, et. al.

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Remarks:

Asbestos Lawsuits Legislation.

Dodd

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Judicial Nominations.

Leahy

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HOUSE

The House was not in session today.

Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 2003, at 2:00 p.m.

Remarks:

Introduction of the Judicial Use of Discretion to Guarantee Equity in Sentencing Act of 2003.

"...Section 401 of the PROTECT Act was passed into law despite the many concerns raised by several legal scholars and experts including, Chief Justice Rehnquist, the U.S. Judicial Conference, the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the Leadership Council on Civil Rights and various other law school professors and legal commentators. When asked to comment on the legislation, Chief Justice Rehnquist best described the major problems with the controversial provisions when he wrote that the, 'legislation, if enacted, would do serious harm to the basic structure of the sentencing guideline system and would seriously impair the ability of courts to impose just and responsible sentences.' The JUDGES Act of 2003 seeks to address these concerns by repealing most of the provisions of section 401, except those that specifically deal with the prevention of the exploitation of children..."

Conyers

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Next SENATE MEETING: 12:00 p.m., Monday, June 2, 2003.

Next HOUSE MEETING: 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 2, 2003.

OLA: S. Schwarz, A. Getter-Santos