

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Thursday, August 2, 2001, Part II

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1302. A bill to authorize the payment of a gratuity to members of the armed Forces and civilian employees of the United States who performed slave labor for Japan during World War II, or the surviving spouses of such members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Bingaman

Pages S 8703, S 8709-10

S. 1315. *A bill to make improvements in title 18, United States Code, and safeguard the integrity of the criminal justice system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

"...This bill would improve the criminal code and safeguard the integrity of the judicial system. It would protect witnesses who come forward to provide information on criminal activity to law enforcement officials; eliminate a loophole in the criminal contempt statute that allows some defendants to avoid serving prison sentences imposed by the Court; eliminate a loophole in the statute of limitations that makes some defendants immune from further prosecution if they get their plea agreements vacated; grant the government the clear right to appeal the dismissal of a part of a count of an indictment, such as a predicate act in a RICO count; insure that courts may impose appropriate terms of supervised release in drug cases; give the District Courts greater flexibility in fashioning appropriate conditions of release for certain elderly prisoners; and clarify the District Court's authority to revoke or modify a term of supervised release when the defendant willfully violates the obligation to pay restitution to the victims of the defendant's crime..."

Leahy

Pages S 8704, S 8724-6

S. 1319. *A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

"... Title IV establishes a Violence Against Women Office (VAWO) within the Justice Department. The VAWO is headed by a Director, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. In addition, Title IV enumerates duties and responsibilities of the Director, requires the Attorney General to ensure VAWO is adequately staffed and authorizes appropriations for the VAWO..."

Leahy

Pages S 8704, S 8726-37

S. 1347. A bill to establish a Congressional Trade Office; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Baucus

Pages S 8705, S 8768-70

HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 2720. A bill to *amend the privacy provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act*; to the Committee on Financial Services.

Markey

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H.R. 2724. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Cannon

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H.R. 2730. A bill to *amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to provide for uniform national financial privacy standards* for financial institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

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H.R. 2734. A bill to *amend title 18, United States Code, and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure with respect to bail bond forfeitures; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Barr

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H.R. 2738. A bill to *amend title 5, United States Code*, to clarify that all protections offered under the Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act apply to members of the uniformed services to the same extent and in the same manner as to any other individual; to the Committee on Government Reform.

Boucher

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H.R. 2754. A bill to *amend title 18, United States Code*, to reform Federal Prison Industries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Green

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H.R. 2763. A bill to *implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution* for the right to life of each born and preborn human person from the moment of fertilization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Hunter

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H.R. 2771. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for individual security accounts funded by employee and employer Social Security payroll deductions, to extend the solvency of the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Kolbe

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H.R. 2772. A bill to *amend the Immigration and Nationality Act* to modify restrictions added by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

LaFalce

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H.R. 2773. A bill to *amend title 18, United States Code*, to prohibit the manufacture or importation, or transfer by a licensed firearms dealer, of a pistol that does not have a chamber load indicator and, in the case of a semiautomatic pistol that has a detachable magazine, a mechanism that prevents the pistol from being fired when the magazine is not attached; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Langevin

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H.R. 2778. A bill to protect ability of law enforcement to effectively investigate and prosecute illegal gun sales and protect the privacy of the American people; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

McCarthy

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H.R. 2784. A bill to *amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993* to allow employees to take, as additional leave, parental involvement leave to participate in or attend their children's and grandchildren's

educational and extracurricular activities and to clarify that leave may be taken for routine medical needs and to assist elderly relatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Government Reform, and House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Maloney

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H.R. 2795. A bill to *amend title 18, United States Code*, to protect and promote the public safety and interstate commerce by establishing Federal criminal penalties and civil remedies for certain violent, threatening, obstructive and destructive conduct that is intended to injure, intimidate, or interfere with plant or animal enterprises, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Nethercutt

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H.R. 2797. A bill to *amend title 18, United States Code*, to provide specific penalties for taking a firearm from a Federal law enforcement officer; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ney

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H.R. 2804. *A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 95 Seventh Street in San Francisco, California, as the "James R. Browning United States Courthouse." to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.*

Pelosi

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H.R. 2817. A bill to provide for the effective punishment of online child molesters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Simmons

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H.R. 2819. A bill to amend the Clayton Act with respect to the exemptions from the notification requirements of section 7A of such Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Smith

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H.R. 2826. A bill to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

Underwood

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H.R. 2830. *A bill to restore the eligibility to vote and register to vote in Federal elections to individuals who have completed sentences for criminal offenses*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Waters

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H. Con. Res. 208. *Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate; considered and agreed to.*

Armey

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H. Con. Res. 214. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the President and the Congress should save Social Security as soon as possible and vigorously safeguard Social Security surpluses, and that the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security should recommend innovative

ways to protect workers' financial commitment without benefit cuts or payroll tax increases; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Shaw

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H. Res. 230. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Article I, section 10 of the United States Constitution should not be used to renew the interstate economic protectionism of our Nation's early history; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Reports Filed:

Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2175, to protect infants who are born alive (House Report 107-186);

H.R. 2048, *to require a report on the operations of the State Justice Institute (House Report 107-189);*

H.R. 2047, to authorize appropriations for the United States Patent and Trademark Office for fiscal year 2002, amended (House Report 107-190);

H.R. 1408, to safeguard the public from fraud in the financial services industry, to streamline and facilitate the antifraud information-sharing efforts of Federal and State regulators, amended (House Report 107-192, Pt. 1).

Pages H 5332, D 839

H.R. 2563. Bipartisan Patient Protection Act:

The House passed H.R. 2563, to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 332.

Pages H 5196-H 5315, D 840

Rejected the Berry motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means, Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute by a recorded vote of 208 yeas to 220 noes, Roll No. 331.

Pages H 5285-H 5314, D 840

Agreed To:

Thomas amendment No. 1 printed in House Report 107-184 that adds Association Health Plans to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and removes restrictions on Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs) (agreed to by a recorded vote of 236 yeas to 194 noes, Roll No. 328); and

Pages H 5247-60, D 840

Norwood amendment No. 2 printed in House Report 107-184 that guarantees patients Federal remedies to hold health plans accountable for wrongful denial or delay of medical care and caps non-economic damages at \$1.5 million and punitive damages at \$1.5 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 213 noes, Roll No. 329).

Pages H 5262-76, D 840

Rejected:

Thomas amendment No. 3 printed in House Report 107-184 that sought to reform medical malpractice laws (rejected by a recorded vote of 207 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 330).

Pages H 5276-85, D 840

H.R. 2563. Bipartisan Patient Protection Act (Cont'd.):

The Clerk was authorized to make corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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Agreed to H. Res. 219, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 205 noes, Roll No. 326. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 205

noes, Roll No. 325.

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H. Con. Res. 208. August District Work Period:

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 208, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Possible Pro Forma Sessions of the House During the August District Work Period:

Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it shall adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, August 6, and that when the House adjourns on Monday, August 6, it shall adjourn to meet at noon on Tuesday, August 7; and when the House adjourns on Tuesday, August 7, and on each of its successive days of meeting under this order it shall stand adjourned until noon on each third successive day until it shall convene at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2001; unless the House sooner receives a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of a concurrent resolution providing for the summer district work period, in which case the House, following its adoption thereof, shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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H. Res. 193. Neighborhood Crime Prevention:

The House agreed to H. Res. 193, requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on the issues of neighborhood crime prevention, community policing, and reduction of school crime by delivering speeches, convening meetings, and directing his Administration to make reducing crime an important priority.

Pages H 5316-17, D 841

H.R. 988. Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, New York City:

The House passed H.R. 988, to designate the United States courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York, as the "Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse."

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Next SENATE MEETING: Friday, 9:30 a.m., August 3, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Monday, 12:00 p.m., August 6, 2001.

OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich