

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.J. Res. 44, Further Continuing Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1077–S1169

Measures Introduced: Thirty-seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 430–466, and S. Con. Res. 9. **Pages S1119–20**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Committee Expenditures: Senate agreed to S. Res. 81, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2011, through September 30, 2011, and October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012, and October 1, 2012, through February 28, 2013. **Pages S1078–83**

Further Continuing Appropriations: By 91 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 29), Senate passed H.J. Res. 44, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011. **Pages S1088–89**

Measures Considered:

Patent Reform Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 23, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1089–S1114**

Adopted:

Bennet/Udall (CO) Modified Amendment No. 117, to establish additional USPTO satellite offices. **Pages S1089, S1092–93**

Kirk/Pryor Amendment No. 123, to provide a fast lane for small businesses within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to receive information and support regarding patent filing issues. **Pages S1089, S1093**

Menendez Modified Amendment No. 124, to provide for prioritized examination for technologies important to American competitiveness. **Pages S1089, S1111–12**

Rejected:

By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 30), Lee Amendment No. 115, to express the sense of the Senate in support of a balanced budget amendment to the

Constitution. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to).

Pages S1089, S1107–11

Pending:

Leahy Amendment No. 114, to improve the bill.

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Bennet Amendment No. 116, to reduce the fee amounts paid by small entities requesting prioritized examination under Three-Track Examination.

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Feinstein Amendment No. 133, to strike the first inventor to file requirement.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the Tuesday, March 1, 2011 adoption of the Leahy-Grassley Modified Amendment No. 121, that the amendment be further modified. **Page S1109**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, March 3, 2011.

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Appointments:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 112th Congress: Senator Klobuchar. **Page S1167**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in executive order 13288 on March 6, 2003, with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the