

S.2404 - Vacancies in the United States Senate

6/30/2004

Roll Call Number 04-685

Bill # and Title Senate 2404

An Act Relative to Special Elections to Fill Vacancies for Senator and Representative in Congress

Action On adoption of the amendment

Issue

S. 2404 was proposed by the majority party to require a special election to fill any vacancy in Congress. Replacing the current system, which would require a temporary appointment by the Governor to fill the vacancy until a special election is held during the next biennial election, S. 2404 would require a special election to be held within 145-160 days after a vacancy. The bill does not include a provision for a temporary appointment by the Governor. Rep. Jones offered an amendment to allow the Governor to fill a Senate or Representative vacancy in Congress until a special election is held.

"Yea"

Would adopt the amendment, ensuring MA representation in Congress in the event of a vacancy

"Nay"

Would reject the amendment, allowing MA to be underrepresented for 145-160 days in the event of a vacancy.

Result

The amendment was rejected (44Y-104N-11NV)

Finneran, Thomas M.	N	Fagan, James H.	N	Kulik, Stephen	X	Rushing, Byron	X	Jones, Bradley H., Jr.	Y
DiMasi, Salvatore F.	N	Fallon, Christopher G.	Y	Lantigua, William	N	Sanchez, Jeffrey	N	Rogeness, Mary S.	Y
Harkins, Lida E.	N	Falzone, Mark V.	N	Larkin, Peter J.	N	Scaccia, Angelo M.	N	Peterson, George N., Jr.	Y
Petrolati, Thomas M.	N	Fennell, Robert F.	N	Leary, James Brendan	X	Scibak, John W.	N	Lepper, John A.	Y
Asselin, Christopher P.	Y	Festa, Michael E.	X	LeDuc, Stephen P.	Y	Simmons, Mary Jane	X	Coppola, Michael J.	Y
Atkins, Cory	Y	Finegold, Barry R.	Y	Linsky, David P.	N	Smizik, Frank Israel	N	deMacedo, Viriato Manuel	Y
Atsalis, Demetrius J.	Y	Flynn, David L.	Y	L'Italiani, Barbara A.	Y	Spiliotis, Theodore C.	N	Evangelidis, Lewis G.	Y
Ayers, Bruce J.	N	Fox, Gloria L.	N	Malia, Elizabeth A.	N	Spellane, Robert	Y	Frost, Paul K.	Y
Balsler, Ruth B.	N	Fresolo, John P.	N	Mariano, Ronald	N	Spiliotis, Joyce A.	N	George, Thomas N.	Y
Binienda, John J.	N	Galvin, William C.	N	Marzilli, J. James, Jr.	N	Spilka, Karen	N	Gifford, Susan W.	Y
Blumer, Deborah D.	N	Garry, Colleen M.	N	Miceli, James R.	N	St. Fleur, Marie P.	N	Gomes, Shirley	Y
Bosley, Daniel E.	X	Gobi, Anne M.	N	Murphy, Charles A.	Y	Stanley, Harriett L.	Y	Hargraves, Robert S.	Y
Bradley, Garrett J.	N	Goguen, Emile J.	N	Murphy, James M.	N	Stanley, Thomas M.	N	Hill, Bradford	Y
Broadhurst, Arthur J.	N	Golden, Brian Paul	Y	Murphy, Kevin J.	X	Story, Ellen	N	Hillman, Reed V.	Y
Buoniconti, Stephen J.	Y	Golden, Thomas A., Jr.	N	Nangle, David M.	N	Straus, William M.	N	Humason, Donald F., Jr.	Y
Cabral, Antonio F. D.	N	Grant, Mary E.	Y	Naughton, Harold P., Jr.	X	Sullivan, David B.	N	Kelly, Shaun P.	Y
Callahan, Jennifer M.	N	Greene, William G., Jr.	N	Nyman, Robert J.	N	Swan, Benjamin	N	Loscocco, Paul J.	Y
Canavan, Christine E.	N	Haddad, Patricia A.	N	O'Brien, Thomas J.	N	Teahan, Kathleen M.	N	Perry, Jeffrey D.	Y
Candaras, Gale D.	N	Hall, Geoffrey D.	N	O'Flaherty, Eugene L.	N	Timilty, Walter F.	N	Poirier, Elizabeth A.	Y
Carron, Mark J.	N	Honan, Kevin G.	N	Owens-Hicks, Shirley	N	Tobin, A. Stephen	N	Polito, Karyn E.	Y
Casey, Paul C.	Y	Howland, Mark A.	N	Parente, Marie J.	N	Toomey, Timothy J., Jr.	N	Pope, Susan W.	Y
Ciampà, Vincent P.	N	Hynes, Frank M.	N	Patrick, Matthew	N	Torrisi, David M.	N	Webster, Daniel K.	Y
Connolly, Edward G.	N	Jehlen, Patricia D.	N	Paulsen, Anne M.	X	Travis, Philip	Y		
Correia, Robert	N	Kafka, Louis L.	N	Pedone, Vincent A.	N	Turkington, Eric	N		
Costello, Michael A.	N	Kane, Michael F.	N	Peisch, Alice H.	Y	Vallee, James E.	N		
Coughlin, Robert K.	N	Kapriclian, Rachel	X	Petersen, Douglas W.	Y	Verga, Anthony J.	Y		
Creedon, Geraldine	N	Kaufman, Jay R.	N	Petrucelli, Anthony	N	Wagner, Joseph F.	X		
DeLeo, Robert A.	N	Keenan, Daniel F.	Y	Pignatelli, Smitty	Y	Wallace, Brian P.	N		
Demakis, Paul C.	N	Kennedy, Thomas P.	N	Quinn, John F.	N	Walrath, Patricia A.	N		
Dempsey, Brian S.	N	Khan, Kay	N	Reinstein, Kathi-Anne	N	Walsh, Martin J.	N		
Donato, Paul J.	N	Knuutila, Brian	N	Rivera, Cheryl A.	N	Walsh, Steven M.	N		
Donelan, Christopher J.	Y	Kocot, Peter	N	Rodrigues, Michael J.	N	Wolf, Alice K.	N		
Donovan, Carol A.	N	Koczera, Robert M.	N	Rogers, John H.	N				
Driscoll, Joseph	N	Koutoujian, Peter J.	N	Ruane, J. Michael	N				
Eldridge, James B.	N	Kujawski, Paul	N	Rush, Mike F.	N				