

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Ergonomics Rule Disapproval Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 458–471, and S. Res. 44. **Page S1897**

#### Measures Passed:

*Ergonomics Rule Disapproval Resolution:* By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 15), Senate passed S.J. Res. 6, providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to ergonomics. **Pages S1831–88**

Prior to this action, Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the consideration of the resolution.

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**Bankruptcy Reform—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of S. 420, to amend title 11, United States Code, at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 7, 2001. **Page S1912**

#### Appointment:

*Congressional Advisers on Trade:* The Chair, in accordance with Public Law 93–618, as amended by Public Law 100–418, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, appointed the following Members of the Finance Committee as congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations: Senators Grassley, Hatch, Murkowski, Baucus, and Rockefeller. **Page S1912**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on telecommunications payments made to Cuba; to the Committees on Appropriations; and Foreign Relations. (PM–10) **Page S1896**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the 2001 Trade Policy Agenda and the 2000 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program; to the Committees on Appropriations; and Finance. (PM–11) **Page S1896**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

- 31 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 12 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Army. **Page S1913**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1912**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—15) **Page S1887**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 9:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 7, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1912.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### SCHOOL LUNCH NUTRITION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to examine nutritional issues surrounding school lunch programs, after receiving testimony from Marilyn Hurt, American

School Food Service Association, La Crosse, Wisconsin, who was accompanied by several of her associates.

### OSHA ERGONOMICS STANDARDS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine the impact of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration on workplace safety ergonomics regulations, after receiving testimony from Joseph Woodward, Associate Solicitor of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and Lynn Rhinehart, AFL-CIO, and Baruch A. Fellner, Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, both of Washington, D.C.

### PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002, after receiving testimony from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### U.S./PHILIPPINE RELATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to ex-

amine current foreign policy, domestic political development, and economic reform in the Philippines, its role in the new Asia, and its relationship with the United States, after receiving testimony from Thomas Hubbard, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Richard D. Fisher, Jr., Jamestown Foundation, and James C. Clad, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and Cambridge Energy Research Associates, both of Washington, D.C.

### INTERNATIONAL MONEY LAUNDERING

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings to examine the role of United States correspondent banking and offshore banks as vehicles for international money laundering, and the efforts of financial entities, federal regulators, and law enforcement to limit money laundering activities within the United States, after receiving testimony from Joseph M. Myers, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement Policy; Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and Arthur O. Jacques, Jacques Little, Toronto, Canada.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 44 public bills, H.R. 860–903; 2 private bills, H.R. 904–905; and 17 resolutions, H.J. Res. 27–34; H. Con. Res. 47–51, and H. Res. 76, 77, 80, 81, were introduced. **Pages H647–50**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 724, to authorize appropriations to carry out part B of title I of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, relating to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (H. Rept. 107–6);

H.R. 3, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, amended (H. Rept. 107–7);

H. Res. 78, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the Rules (H. Rept. 107–8);

H. Res. 79, providing for consideration of S.J. Res. 6, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to ergonomics (H. Rept. 107–9);

H. Con. Res. 31. A resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation and

supporting National Donor Day (H. Rept. 107–10); and

H.R. 624, A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation (H. Rept. 107–11). **Page H647**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H629**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H631**

**Advisory Committee on Forest Counties Payments:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Robert E. Douglas of California and Mr. Mark Evans of Texas to the Advisory Committee on Forest Counties Payments. **Page H631**

**House of Representatives Page Board:** Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Kildee to the House of Representatives Page Board. **Page H631**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Strategic Petroleum Reserve Authorization Technical Correction:** H.R. 724, to authorize appropriations to carry out part B of title I of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, relating to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 400 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 26); and

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**Low-Speed Electric Bicycles:** H.R. 727, to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to provide that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 401 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 27).

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**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**Trade Policy Agenda and Trade Agreements Program Annual Report:** Message wherein he transmitted the 2001 Trade Policy Agenda and 2000 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–48); and

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**Payments Made to Cuba:** Message wherein he transmitted the semiannual report detailing the payments made to Cuba for telecommunications services pursuant to Treasury Department licenses.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6 p.m.

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**Committee on Standards of Official Conduct:** The House agreed to H. Res. 76, electing Representatives Portman, Hastings of Washington, Hutchinson and Biggert to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and the House agreed to H. Res. 77 electing Representatives Sabo, Pastor, and Lofgren to the same committee.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H635 and H635–36. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ELECTRICITY MARKETS AND NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled: “Congressional Perspectives on Electricity Markets in California and the West and National Energy Policy.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Filner, Radanovich, Inslee, Bono, Sherman, Thompson of California, Davis of California, Honda, Issa, DeLay, Watts of Oklahoma, Bereuter, Stenholm,

Bartlett of Maryland, Calvert, Woolsey, Ganske, Capito and Aderholt.

### PROTECTING CONSUMERS

**Committee on Financial Services:** Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a joint hearing entitled “Protecting Consumers: What can Congress do to help financial regulators coordinate efforts to fight fraud?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Julie Williams, First Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel; and Scott Albinson, Managing Director, Examination and Supervision, Office of Thrift Supervision; Dennis Lormel, Section Chief, Federal Crimes Section, FBI, Department of Justice; David M. Becker, General Counsel, SEC; Richard J. Hillman, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

### MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

**Committee on Rules:** The Committee granted, by voice vote, a resolution providing that certain suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Wednesday, March 7, 2001.

### CONGRESSIONAL RULE DISAPPROVAL—RELATING TO ERGONOMICS

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by a vote of 7 to 2, a closed rule providing one hour of debate on S.J. Res. 6, providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to ergonomics. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of S.J. Res. 6 in the House. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehner and Representatives Norwood, George Miller of California and Pelosi.

### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET

**Committee on Veterans' Affairs:** Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2002 Department of Veterans Affairs budget. Testimony was heard from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** to hold hearings to examine voting technology reform, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Finance*: to hold hearings to examine tax relief for tax payers, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation entitled Better Education For Students and Teachers Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: organizational business meeting to consider its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, hearing to review the Farm Credit Administration's proposed rule providing for the issuance of national charters for the Farm Credit System, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on the Budget*, hearing on Department of Health and Human Services Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2002, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, hearing on "Leave No Child Behind," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled: "A Smarter Partnership: Removing Barriers to Brownfields Cleanups," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Saving Investors Money: Reducing Excessive SEC Fees," 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on "Vulnerabilities to Waste, Fraud, and

Abuse: GAO Views on National Defense and International Relations Programs," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, to continue consideration of Committee funding requests, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on Reinvigorating U.S. Foreign Policy, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on State Department Country Reports on Human Rights Practices—Road Map for Budgeting of Democracy and Human Rights Programs of the State Department? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, oversight hearing on the Role of Public Lands in the Development of a Self-Reliant Energy Policy, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 3, Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act of 2001, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on K-12th Grade Math and Science Education: the View from the Blackboard, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, to consider Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget and other pending committee business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, to approve Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 12:45 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, hearing on the Administration's Trade Agenda, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on the Hanssen matter, 4 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 7

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 7

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After the recognition of certain Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 420, Bankruptcy Reform.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of Suspensions:

(1) H. Con. Res. 31, National Donor Day and Importance of Organ, Tissue, Bone Marrow, and Blood Donation; and

(2) H.R. 624, Organ Donation Improvement Act; and

(3) H. Con. Res. 47, Honoring the Members of the National Guard Killed in an Aircraft Crash in South-Central Georgia.

Consideration of S.J. Res. 6, providing for disapproval of the Labor Department Rule Relating to Ergonomics (closed rule, 1 hour of debate).

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