Monday, February 11, 2002

**Daily Digest**

**Senate**

**Chamber Action**

*Routine Proceedings*, pages S573–S595

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1928–1931.

**Federal Farm Bill:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 1731, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pending:
- Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471, in the nature of a substitute.
  
  Daschle motion to reconsider the vote (Vote No. 377–107th Congress, 1st Session) by which the second motion to invoke cloture on Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2471 (listed above) was not agreed to.

- Crapo/Craig Amendment No. 2533 (to Amendment No. 2471), to strike the water conservation program.

- Craig Amendment No. 2835 (to Amendment No. 2471), to provide for a study of a proposal to prohibit certain packers from owning, feeding, or controlling livestock.

- Santorum Modified Amendment No. 2542 (to Amendment No. 2471), to improve the standards for the care and treatment of certain animals.

- Feinstein Amendment No. 2829 (to Amendment No. 2471), to make up for any shortfall in the amount sugar supplying countries are allowed to export to the United States each year.

- Harkin (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2837 (to Amendment No. 2835), to make it unlawful for a packer to own, feed, or control livestock intended for slaughter.

- Baucus Amendment No. 2839 (to Amendment No. 2471), to provide emergency agriculture assistance.

- Reid Amendment No. 2842 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Crapo/Craig Amendment No. 2533), to promote water conservation on agricultural land.

  Enzi Amendment No. 2843 (to Amendment No. 2471), to require the Secretary of Agriculture to provide livestock feed assistance to producers affected by disasters.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all first degree amendments on the finite list of amendments to the bill must be proposed by 3 p.m., on Tuesday, February 12, 2002.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 12, 2002, with votes to occur on or in relation to certain pending amendments.

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- By unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX. 21), Michael J. Melloy, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

- By unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. EX. 22), Jay C. Zainey, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

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

- James W. Pardew, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria.

- Leslie Silverman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for the remainder of the term expiring July 1, 2003.

- Sally Stroup, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

- Eric F. Melgren, of Kansas, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas for the term of four years.

- John B. Brown III, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Marine Corps, Navy.

**Pages:**

- S577, S578, S579, S580–82
- S582–84, S595
- S592–93
- S594–95
Nominations Discharged: The following nomination was discharged from the Committee on Governmental Affairs pursuant to the order of December 20, 2001:

Joseph E. Schmitz, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense.

Additional Cosponsors: Pages S586–87

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Additional Statements: Page S592

Amendments Submitted: Pages S590–92

Authority for Committees to Meet: Page S592

Privilege of the Floor: Page S592

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—22) Page S584

Adjournment: Senate met at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 12, 2002.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CUBA TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings to examine issues related to restrictions of travel to Cuba, including the Administration’s Cuba policy, human rights support, open market economy, and improving the political, economic, and cultural relationships with the United States, after receiving testimony from former Senator Dennis DeConcini; R. Richard Newcomb, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; James Carragher, Coordinator of Cuban Affairs, Department of State; Dennis K. Hayes, Cuban American National Foundation, Washington, D.C., former U.S. Ambassador to Suriname; John I. Gilderbloom, University of Louisville College of Business and Public Administration Center for Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods, Louisville, Kentucky, on behalf of the Cuban Research and Education Programs; Nancy Chang, Center for Constitutional Rights, New York, New York; Marilyn Meister, Milton, Wisconsin; Cevin Allen, Sammamish, Washington; and John Harriman, Chicago, Illinois.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

FHA BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation, Infrastructure, and Nuclear Safety held hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003 for the Federal Highway Administration, the Revenue Aligned Budget Authority (RABA) mechanism, and budget related reauthorization issues, receiving testimony from Donna McLean, Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer, and Mary E. Peters, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Thomas E. Stephens, Nevada Department of Transportation, Carson City, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; and William D. Fay, American Highway Users Alliance, and Tom Hill, Oldcastle Materials Inc., on behalf of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet on Tuesday, February 12 at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debate.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine accounting and investor protection issues raised by Enron and other public companies, 10 a.m., SD–538.
Committee on the Budget: to resume hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003 and revenue proposals, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the collapse of the Enron Corporation, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of the Interior, the U. S. Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the theft of American intellectual property at home and abroad, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Nancy Dorn, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Dan Gregory Blair, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, John L. Howard, of Illinois, to be Chairman of the Special Panel on Appeals, immediately following the first vote on the Senate floor, Time to be announced, S–207, Capitol.

Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine multilateral non-proliferation regimes, weapons of mass destruction technologies, and the War on Terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine early education issues, 9:30 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine issues surrounding the U.S. Refugee Program, 3 p.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Department of Defense Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2003, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “PATRIOT Act Oversight: Investigating Patterns of Terrorist Financing,” 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on “Accountability for Presidential Gifts,” 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.


Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Eco-terrorism and Lawlessness on the National Forests, 3 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Export Administration Act of 2001, 4 p.m., H–405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, hearing on CIA’s Counterterrorism Issues, 10:30 a.m., H–405 Capitol.
**Next Meeting of the SENATE**

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 12

**Senate Chamber**

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1731, Federal Farm Bill, with votes to occur on or in relation to certain amendments.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for their respective party conferences.)

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**Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 12

**House Chamber**

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

1. H. Res. , permitting the use of the rotunda for the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

2. H.R. 1748, Tom Biley Post Office, Richmond Virginia;


Consideration of H. Res. 344, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2356, Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act.

Note: The House meets at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debate and 2:00 p.m. for legislative business. Any electronic votes are postponed until 6:30 p.m.