

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1737–S1798

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2006–2010. **Page S1782**

Energy Policy Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 517, to authorize funding for the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1743–75**

Adopted:

Craig Amendment No. 2995 (to Amendment No. 2917), to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program within the Department of Energy to develop advanced reactor technologies and demonstrate new regulatory processes for next generation nuclear power plants. **Pages S1743–44**

Dorgan Amendment No. 2993 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for both training and continuing education relating to electric power generation plant technologies and operations. **Page S1744**

Murkowski/Daschle Amendment No. 2996 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for rural and remote community development block grants. **Page S1745**

Pending:

Daschle/Bingaman Further Modified Amendment No. 2917, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1743**

Feinstein Amendment No. 2989 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide regulatory oversight over energy trading markets. **Page S1743**

Levin Amendment No. 2997 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide alternative provisions to better encourage increased use of alternative fueled and hybrid vehicles. **Pages S1745–49**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Levin Amendment No. 2997 (listed above), at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2002, with a vote to occur thereon; followed by the consideration of certain amendments to be proposed. **Page S1797**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 13, 2002. **Page S1797**

Appointment:

American Folklife Center/Library of Congress: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94–201, as amended by Public Law 105–275, appointed Dennis Holub, of South Dakota, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress, vice Janet L. Brown, of South Dakota.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia on Social Security; to the Committee on Finance. (PM–73)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Periodic Report on Telecommunications Payments Made to Cuba pursuant to Treasury Department Specific Licenses; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–74)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 46), Ralph R. Beistline, of Alaska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Major General Charles F. Bolden, Jr., United States Marine Corps, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which was sent to the Senate on February 26, 2002.

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Executive Communications: **Pages S1781–82**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S1783–92****Additional Statements:****Pages S1780–81****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S1792–97****Notices of Hearings/Meetings:****Page S1797****Authority for Committees to Meet:****Page S1797**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—46)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:49 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, March 13, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1798).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

CLONING AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine cloning research, focusing on the clarification of how stem cell research, or therapeutic cloning, differs from human reproductive cloning, the ethical and public-policy issues related to both, and how best to achieve a balance in cloning legislation, after receiving testimony from former Senator Mack, on behalf of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute; and Silviu Itescu, Columbia University Presbyterian Medical Center/New-York Presbyterian Hospital, Gerald D. Fischbach, Columbia University Departments of Health Sciences and Medicine, and Kevin Kline, all of New York, New York.

MILITARY OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on current military operations from officials of the Joint Staff.

Committee recessed subject to call.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on special operations military capabilities, operational requirements,

and technology acquisition, after receiving testimony from Gen. Charles R. Holland, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, and Harry E. Schulte, Acquisition Executive, Special Operations Acquisition and Logistics Center, both of the U.S. Special Operations Command.

U.S. ECONOMY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the economic outlook of the United States, focusing on foreign economic policy, energy policy, and social security, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Solow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; Joseph E. Stiglitz, Columbia University, and David R. Malpass, Bear, Stearns and Company, both of New York, New York; and Alan B. Krueger, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

FIRST RESPONDER INITIATIVE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003 for the First Responder Initiative, which would provide the Federal Emergency Management Agency with funding for State and local police, firefighters, and emergency medical professionals planning, equipment, training, and exercise programs, to enhance homeland security, after receiving testimony from Joe M. Allbaugh, Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Woodbury P. Fogg, Belmont, New Hampshire, on behalf of the National Emergency Management Association; Ed Wilson, City of Portland Bureau of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services, Portland, Oregon; Michael E. O'Neil, South Burlington Fire Department, South Burlington, Vermont; and Kenneth E. Zirkle, University of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics, Risks, and Waste Management concluded hearings to examine the status of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) environmental enforcement program, including inspections and investigations, enforcement personnel, and an overview of the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, after receiving testimony from Eric Schaeffer, Rockefeller Family Fund, New York, New York, former Director, EPA's Office of Regulatory Enforcement; Scott H. Segal, Bracewell and Patterson, Washington, D.C.; and Barry L. Johnson, Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Physicians for Social Responsibility Environment and Health Program.