

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2146, Two Strikes and You're Out Child Protection Act.

House committees ordered reported six sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1871–S1957*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2013–2019, and S. Res. 226. **Page S1935**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 206, designating the week of March 17 through March 23, 2002 as “National Inhalants and Poison Prevention Week”.

S. Res. 207, designating March 31, 2002, and March 31, 2003, as “National Civilian Conservation Corps Day”, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 221, to commemorate and acknowledge the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

S. 1356, to establish a commission to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and European refugees during World War II, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1935**

#### Measures Passed:

**Export-Import Bank Authority Extension:** Senate passed S. 2019, to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until April 30, 2002. **Page S1954**

**Export-Import Bank Authorization:** Senate passed S. 1372, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S1954**

Reid (for Allard) Amendment No. 3029, to establish an Inspector General at the Export-Import Bank of the United States. **Page S1956**

**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 S1871–S1915**

#### Adopted:

Wyden/Feinstein Amendment No. 3014 (to Amendment No. 2917), to establish within the Department of Justice the Office of Consumer Advocacy. **Pages S1892–94**

Thomas/Murkowski Amendment No. 3012 (to Amendment No. 2917), to establish an organization to enforce reliability standards with respect to electricity. **Pages S1872–82, S1884–92**

#### Rejected:

By 29 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 50), Jeffords Amendment No. 3017 (to Amendment No. 3016), to establish renewable electric energy generation standards. **Pages S1899–S1914**

#### Pending:

Daschle/Bingaman Further Modified Amendment No. 2917, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1871**

Feinstein Amendment No. 2989 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide regulatory oversight over energy trading markets. **Page S1871**

Kerry/McCain Amendment No. 2999 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for increased average fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles and light trucks. **Page S1872**

Dayton/Grassley Amendment No. 3008 (to Amendment No. 2917), to require that Federal agencies use ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel in areas in which ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel are available. **Pages S1882–84**

Bingaman Amendment No. 3016 (to Amendment No. 2917), to clarify the provisions relating to the Renewable Portfolio Standard. **Pages S1897–99**

Lott Amendment No. 3028 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for the fair treatment of Presidential judicial nominees. **Pages S1917–21**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 49), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to Thomas/Murkowski Amendment No. 3012 (to Amendment No. 2917), to establish an organization to enforce reliability standards with respect to electricity. Subsequently, the point of order, that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, failed. **Page S1897**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Friday, March 15, 2002.

**Campaign Finance Reform—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of H.R. 2356, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, at 3 p.m., on Monday, March 18, 2002, and that the pending cloture motion on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be vitiated. **Pages S1914–15**

**District of Columbia College Access Improvement Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to Senate amendments to H.R. 1499, to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permit individuals who enroll in an institution of higher education more than 3 years after graduating from a secondary school and individuals who attend private historically black colleges and universities nationwide to participate in the tuition assistance programs under such Act. **Pages S1953–54**

**Tʻur Shur Bein Preservation Trust Area Act—Joint Referral Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. 2018, the Tʻuf Shur Bein Preservation Trust Area Act be jointly referred to the Committees on Energy and Natural Resources and Indian Affairs. **Page S1953**

**Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of David C. Bury, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, at 9:15 a.m., on Friday, March 15, 2002, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S1957**

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

Phyllis K. Fong, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

Steven Robert Blust, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2006.

W. Roy Grizzard, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Evelyn Dee Potter Rose, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006.

Celeste Colgan, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2008.

Wilfred M. McClay, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006. **Page S1957**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—50) **Pages S1897, S1914**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:23 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Friday, March 15, 2002. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1957).

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Agriculture, focusing on the Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Natural Resources Conservation Services, Rural Development Mission Area, Research, Education, and Economics, Department Administration, National Appeals Division, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Working Capital Fund, and Office of the Inspector General, after receiving testimony from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, J.B. Penn, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Services, Mark E.

Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Michael E. Neruda, Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development, Joseph J. Jen, Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics, and Dennis Kaplan, Director, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, all of the Department of Agriculture.

#### REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the accountability of funds appropriated last year for regional emergency planning for the Nation's Capital, in order to implement a seamless emergency response plan, a rigorous training program, and a public education plan, after receiving testimony from Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice Margret Nedelkoff Kellems, and Peter G. LaPorte, Emergency Management Agency, both of the Government of the District of Columbia, Richard A. White, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and Michael C. Rogers, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, all of Washington, D.C.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—EDUCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Roderick Paige, Secretary of Education.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury.

#### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Spencer Abraham, Secretary, Everett Beckner, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, and Linton F. Brooks, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, both of the National Nuclear Security Administration, all of the Department of Energy.

#### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the De-

partment of Defense, focusing on Army modernization and transformation, after receiving testimony from Les Brownlee, Under Secretary of the Army; and Gen. John M. Keane, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army.

#### ACCOUNTING AND INVESTOR PROTECTION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee resumed oversight hearings to examine accounting and investor protection issues raised by Enron and other public companies, including oversight of the accounting profession, audit quality and independence, and formulation of accounting principles, receiving testimony from James G. Castellano, Rubin, Brown, Gornstein and Company, James E. Copeland, Deloitte and Touche, William E. Balhoff, Poslethwaite and Netterville, Olivia A. Kirtley, ResCare, Inc., and James S. Gerson, PricewaterhouseCoopers, all of New York, New York, on behalf of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; and Peter J. Wallison, American Enterprise Institute Project on Financial Market Deregulation, and Robert E. Litan, Brookings Institution Economic Studies Program, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 19.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of JoAnn Johnson, of Iowa, and Deborah Matz, of New York, each to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Johnson was introduced by Senator Grassley.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE RAIL ACT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 1991, to establish a national rail passenger transportation system, reauthorize Amtrak, and improve security and service on Amtrak, after receiving testimony from Senators Biden and Carper; Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; George D. Warrington, President/CEO, Amtrak (National Railroad Passenger Corporation); New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; David D. King, North Carolina Deputy Department of Transportation, Raleigh, on behalf of the States for Passenger Rail Coalition; Edward Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, Gilbert E. Carmichael, Amtrak Reform Council, and Charles F. Moneyenny, Transport Workers Union of America,

all of Washington, D.C.; and William J. Rennie, Mercer Management Consulting, Inc., Lexington, Massachusetts.

### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to examine reimbursement and access to prescription drugs under Medicare Part B, focusing on payment systems, physician practice costs, and recent settlements, receiving testimony from Thomas A. Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Janet Rehnquist, Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Laura A. Dummit, Director, Health Care-Medicare Payment Issues, General Accounting Office; Larry Norton, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Society of Clinical Oncology; Ellen Stovall, National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, Silver Spring, Maryland; and Lisa M. Getson, Apria Healthcare, Lake Forest, California.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Richard Monroe Miles, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Georgia, James W. Pardew, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Peter Terpeluk, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, and Lawrence E. Butler, of Maine, to be Ambassador to The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Miles was introduced by Senator Hollings, Mr. Terpeluk was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, and Mr. Butler was introduced by Senator Collins.

### AMERICAN STEEL

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the future of American steel, focusing on ensuring the viability of the industry and the health care and retirement security for workers, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Miller, Jr., Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Leo W. Gerard, United Steelworkers of America, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Jerry Fallos, United Steelworker of America Local 4108, Aurora, Minnesota; Jeffrey Mikula, Bethlehem

Steel's Sparrows Point mill, and Gertrude Misterka, both of Baltimore, Maryland; and McCall White, Ellicott City, Maryland.

### INDIAN PROGRAMS BUDGET

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003 for Indian programs, including those provided by the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Indian Gaming Commission, and the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Neal A. McCaleb, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Diane C. Regas, Acting Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; and Montie R. Deer, National Indian Gaming Commission, Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Robert H. Roswell, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Health, and Daniel L. Cooper, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Benefits, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Roswell was introduced by Senators Graham and Nelson (FL).

### SENIOR HEALTH CARE AND THE ECONOMY

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the current economy and its impact on seniors, focusing on funds for, and services provided by, Medicaid, health, and senior services, after receiving testimony from Gail R. Wilensky, Project HOPE, Bethesda, Maryland, former Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; Idaho Lt. Governor Jack Riggs, on behalf of the Council of State Governments Health Capacity Task Force, and Karl B. Kurtz, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, both of Boise; Joan W. Lawrence, Ohio Department of Aging, Columbus; Barbara Lyons, Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, Washington, D.C.; Vernon K. Smith, Health Management Associates, Lansing, Michigan; Barry Donenfeld, Mid-Willamette Valley Senior Services Agency, Salem, Oregon, on behalf of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 3965–3982; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 350–352, and H. Res. 370 were introduced.

**Pages H931–32**

**Reports Filed:** No Reports were filed today.

**Two Strikes and You're Out Child Protection Act:** The House passed H.R. 2146, to amend title 18 of the United States Code to provide life imprisonment for repeat offenders who commit sex offenses against children by a yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas to 34 nays, Roll No. 64.

**Pages H912–26**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, H. Rept. 107–373, was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Agreed To:

Conyers amendment that mandates judges to report to the Administrative Office of the United States Courts various findings including the race, gender, age, and ethnicity of the victim and defendant for each case in which a life sentence is imposed (agreed to by a recorded vote of 259 yeas to 161 noes, Roll No. 63).

**Pages H924–25**

Rejected:

Scott amendment that sought to give judges the discretion to impose life imprisonment for certain repeat sexual offenders; and

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Scott amendment that sought to exempt sex offenders subject to tribal governments from provisions of the bill.

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Withdrawn:

Jackson-Lee amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to nullify the act where there are five or more convicted child sex offenders within any given zip code.

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Point of Order Sustained Against:

Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to require a study by the National Institute of Justice on the availability and effectiveness of treatment for incarcerated and non-incarcerated perpetrators of sex offenses against children.

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H. Res. 366, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

**Pages H912–13**

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of March 18.

**Pages H926–27**

**Meeting Hour—Monday, March 18:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 18.

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**Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 19:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 18, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19 for morning hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 20.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H924–25 and H925–26. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food Safety and Inspection Service. Testimony was heard from the following official of the USDA: Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer; Elsa Murano, Under Secretary; and Merle D. Pierson, Deputy Under Secretary, both with Food Safety; and Margaret O'K Glavin, Acting Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on State Department-International Organizations, and on NOAA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador John D. Negroponte, U.S. Mission to the UN; and William Wood, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary; and Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN (Ret.), Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2003 Army Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Thomas E. White, Secretary; and Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Chief of Staff.

## ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Department of Energy-Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Lake Barrett, Director, Office of Civil Radioactive Waste Management; and Jessie Robertson, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Waste Management.

## INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held an oversight hearing on Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Office of Special Trustee for American Indians. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: J. Stevens Griles, Deputy Secretary; Thomas N. Slonaker, Special Trustee, American Indians; Neil A. McCaleb, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs; and Ross O. Swimmer, Director, Office of Indian Trust Transition.

## LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Service and Education held a hearing on National Institutes of Health Panel: From Bench to Bedside and Beyond. Testimony was heard from the following officials of Department of Health and Human Services, NIH: Allen M. Spiegel, M.D., Director, Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Andrew von Eschenbach, M.D., Director, National Cancer Institute; Richard J. Hodes, M.D., Director, National Institute on Aging; Audrey S. Penn, M.D., Acting Director, Neurological Disorders and Stroke; and Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

## TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

## TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government held a hearing on OMB and on Executive Office of the President. Testimony was heard from Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Director, OMB; and Phil Larson, Special Assistant to the President and Director, Office of Administration.

## VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Community Development Financial Institutions and on National Institute of Environmental Health Services. Testimony was heard from Tony Brown, Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury; and Kenneth Olden, M.D., Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Continued hearings on the fiscal year 2003 National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from Department of Defense: Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Space Command; and Gen. William F. Kernan, USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Joint Forces Command.

Hearings continue March 20.

## MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine held a hearing on the fiscal year 2003 Maritime Administration Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from William G. Schubert, Maritime Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENCROACHMENT ISSUES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on environmental and encroachment issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Raymond F. DuBois, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary (Installations and Environment); Paul W. Mayberry, Deputy Under Secretary (Readiness); Mario Fiori, Assistant Secretary (Installations and Environment), Department of the Army; Hansford T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary (Installations and Environment), Department of the Navy; and Nelson Gibbs, Assistant Secretary (Installations, Environment and Logistics), Department of the Air Force; Steven Shimberg, Deputy Associate Administrator, Enforcement and Compliance, EPA; Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and William Hogarth, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

## CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION FISCAL YEAR 2003

*Committee on the Budget:* On March 13, the Committee ordered reported the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2003.

## ENRON FINANCIAL COLLAPSE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on the Financial Collapse of Enron Corp., focusing on Enron's inside and outside counsel. Testimony was heard from Rex R. Rogers, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Enron Corporation; the following former officials of Enron Corporation: Scott M. Sefton, General Counsel, Enron Global Finance; James V. Derrick, Jr., General Counsel; and Carol L. St. Clair, Assistant General Counsel, ECT Resources Group; and the following officials of Vinson and Elkins, L.L.P.: Joseph C. Dilg, Managing Partner; and Ronald R. Astin, Partner.

## FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATORY RELIEF ACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on the Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Mark Olson, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Julie L. Williams, First Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and Carolyn Buck, Chief Counsel, Office of Thrift Supervision; William S. Kroener, General Counsel, FDIC; Dennis Dollar, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

## BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2941, Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled "Review of the Community Development Block Grant Program." Testimony was heard from Representatives Shays, Meek of Florida and Ros-Lehtinen; Roy Bernardi, Assistant Secretary, Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3340, to amend title 5, United

States Code, to allow certain catch-up contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan to be made by participants age 50 or over; H.R. 3921, Acquisition Streamlining Improvement Act; H.R. 3947, amended, Federal Property Asset Management Reform Act of 2002; H.R. 3924, Freedom to Telecommute Act of 2002; H.R. 3925, amended, Digital Tech Corps Act of 2001.

The Committee also approved a draft report entitled "Justice Undone: Clemency Decisions in the Clinton White House."

## AFGHANISTAN FREEDOM SUPPORT ACT

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, AID; and Alan P. Larson, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs.

## OVERSIGHT—PATENT LAW

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on "Patent Law and Non-Profit Research Collaboration." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held continued hearings on the Office of Justice Programs Part Three—Waste, Fraud and Abuse. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General; Tracy A. Henke, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs; and Carl Peed, Director, COPS Office; and Bonnie Campbell, former Director, Violence Against Women Office, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice.

## OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on "FY 2003 U.S. Geological Survey, Minerals Management Service and Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement Budgets." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Jeffrey Jarrett, Director, Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement; P. Patrick Leahy, Associate Director, Geology, U.S. Geological Survey; and Lucy Querques Denett, Acting Director, Minerals Management Service.

## SPECIES PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a joint hearing on H.R. 3558, Species Protection and Conservation of the Environment Act. Testimony was heard from James Tate, Jr., Science Advisor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior; Janette Kaiser, Acting Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

## NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM ACT AMENDMENTS; TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION REVIEW AND REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3389, National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Technology Administration: Review and Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Phillip J. Bond, Under Secretary, Technology and Chief of Staff to the Secretary; and Arden L. Bement, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation and the Subcommittee on Railroads held a joint oversight hearing on Reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board. Testimony was heard from Marion C. Blakey, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board.

## OVERSIGHT—PORT SECURITY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on Financial Responsibility for Port Security. Testimony was heard from William G. Schubert, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

## EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SAVINGS BILL OF RIGHTS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3669, Employee Retirement Savings Bill of Rights.

## RATIONALIZING MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Rationalizing Medicare Supplemental Insurance. Testimony was heard from Bobby Jindal, Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; William Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and System Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold meetings with Richard Betts, member, of the former National Commission on Terrorism and with the British House of Commons Northern Ireland Affairs Committee.

## Joint Meetings

### VETERANS PROGRAMS

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Rachel Clinkscale, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; Charles L. Calkins, Fleet Reserve Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Com. Sgt. Michael Parente, USAF, (Ret.), Air Force Sergeants Association, Suitland, Maryland; and Sr. Mast. Sgt. Vincent B. Niski, USAF, (Ret.), The Retired Enlisted Association, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2002

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Energy, 1:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine child care improvement issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:15 a.m., Friday, March 15

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Monday, March 18

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will consider the nomination of David C. Bury, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, with a vote to occur thereon. Also, Senate will continue consideration of S. 517, Energy Policy Act.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Pro forma session.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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