

# 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**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S1934**

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**Privilege of the Floor:** **Page S1953**

**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.