

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2356, Campaign Finance Reform, clearing the measure for the President.

House committees ordered reported 35 sundry measures.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 353, Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2003.

The House passed H.R. 3924, to authorize Telecommuting for Federal Contractors.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2095–S2192

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2035–2039, and S. Res. 228–229. **Page S2183**

Measures Passed:

Campaign Finance Reform: By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 54), Senate passed H.R. 2356, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S2096–S2161**

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

By 68 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 53), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S2111**

Pro Bono Legal Services: Senate agreed to S. Res. 227, to clarify the rules regarding the acceptance of pro bono legal services by Senators. **Page S2161**

Unemployment Assistance Extension: Senate passed H.R. 3986, to extend the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2189**

Condemning Suicide Bombings: Senate agreed to S. Res. 229, condemning the involvement of women in suicide bombings. **Page S2189**

Ukraine Fair Election Process: Senate agreed to S. Res. 205, urging the Government of Ukraine to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process leading up to the March 31, 2002, parliamentary elections. **Pages S2189–90**

Condemning Chechnya Human Rights Violations: Senate agreed to S. Res. 213, condemning human rights violations in Chechnya and urging a political solution to the conflict. **Pages S2190–91**

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 S2161–74**

Pending:

Daschle/Bingaman Further Modified Amendment No. 2917, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2161–74**

Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 2989 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide regulatory oversight over energy trading markets and metals trading markets. **Page S2161**

Kerry/McCain Amendment No. 2999 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for increased average fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles and light trucks. **Page S2161**

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 S2161–62**

Bingaman Amendment No. 3016 (to Amendment No. 2917), to clarify the provisions relating to the Renewable Portfolio Standard. **Page S2162**

Lott Amendment No. 3028 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for the fair treatment of Presidential judicial nominees. **Page S2162**

Lott Amendment No. 3033 (to Amendment No. 2989), to provide for the fair treatment of Presidential judicial nominees. **Page S2162**

Lincoln Modified Amendment No. 3023 (to Amendment No. 2917), to expand the eligibility to receive biodiesel credits and to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on alternative fueled vehicles and alternative fuels. **Page S2162**

Kyl Amendment No. 3038 (to Amendment No. 3016), to provide for appropriate State regulatory authority with respect to renewable sources of electricity. **Pages S2162–74**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Kyl Amendment No. 3038 (listed above), today and Thursday, March 21, 2002, with a vote to occur on or in relation to the amendment. **Page S2191**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Robert B. Holland III, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank For Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Emmy B. Simmons, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. (New Position)

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

Richard Monroe Miles, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Georgia.

Peter Terpeluk, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg.

Lawrence E. Butler, of Maine, to be Ambassador to The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Robert Patrick John Finn, of New York, to be Ambassador to Afghanistan.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kathie L. Olsen, of Oregon, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Kathleen M. Harrington, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Thomas Mallon, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Walter H. Kansteiner, Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2003.

Claude A. Allen, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2003.

Charles S. Abell, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. (New Position)

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Navy. **Pages S2191–92**

Nomination Discharged and Placed on Calendar: The following nomination was discharged from the Committee on Environment and Public Works and placed on the Executive Calendar:

J. Paul Gilman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S2188**

Messages From the House: **Page S2180**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S2188**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S2188**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—54) **Pages S2111, S2160–61**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, March 21, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2191).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—PUBLIC HEALTH/NUTRITION/REGULATORY AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003, after receiving testimony in behalf