

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of John W. Snow, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1759–S1844*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-five bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 248–272, and S. Res. 35–40. **Pages S1812–13**

#### Measures Reported:

S. Res. 35, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

S. Res. 36, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. Res. 37, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. Res. 38, authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

S. Res. 39, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 151, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the sexual exploitation of children, with amendments.

S. 153, to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish penalties for aggravated identity theft.

S. 205, to authorize the issuance of immigrant visas to, and the admission to the United States for permanent residence of, certain scientists, engineers, and technicians who have worked in Iraqi weapons of mass destruction programs. **Page S1811**

#### Measures Passed:

**Judicial Salary Adjustments:** Senate passed H.R. 16, to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2003, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S1842**

**Judiciary Salary Adjustments:** Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 101, to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2003, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S1842–43**

**Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 4, 2002. **Page S1842**

#### Appointments:

**Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki):** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed Senator Campbell as Co-Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 108th Congress. **Page S1843**

**Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed Senators Dodd, Graham (FL), Feingold, and Clinton to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe during the 108th Congress. **Page S1843**

**Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 107–202, announced the appointment of the following individuals as members of the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission: Senator Specter and Dr. Dennis Wint of Pennsylvania. **Page S1843**

**Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:** The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Senators Baucus, Levin, Feinstein, and Dorgan. **Page S1843**

**Reading of Washington's Farewell Address:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the Resolution of the Senate of

January 24, 1901, that on Monday, February 24, 2003, immediately following the prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and the disposition of the Journal, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place. **Page S1843**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iraq; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-4) **Page S1808**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the intent to enter into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the Government of Singapore; to the Committee on Finance. (PM-5) **Pages S1808-09**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the intent to enter into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the Government of Chile; to the Committee on Finance. (PM-6) **Page S1809**

Transmitting pursuant to law, Presidential Determination No. 2002-30, relative to the Air Force's operating location near Groom Lake, Nevada; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (PM-7) **Pages S1809-10**

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

By unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 29), Gordon England, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. (Prior to this action, Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S1785-88, S1812, S1843-44**

John W. Snow, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S1839-S42, S1843-44**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S1810**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S1810-11**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S1811-12**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1813-14**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
**Pages S1814-39**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1806-08**

**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Page S1839**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—29) **Page S1787**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 8:47 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, February 3, 2003, for a pro forma session. (For Senate's program,

see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1843.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine Medicare reimbursement for physicians and hospitals, after receiving testimony from Thomas A. Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Loren H. Roth, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of Medical Services UPMC Health System; Jitendra M. Desai and Denis Olmstead, both of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, Harrisburg; Richard A. Anderson, St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network, Inc., Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Eric W. Blomain, Northeastern Pennsylvania Plastic Surgical Society, Dunmore; Richard E. D'Alberto, J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania; Jay Kleiman, Northwestern University Medical School, Evanston, Illinois, on behalf of the American College of Cardiology and the Alliance of Specialty Medicine; J. Kirk Norris, Iowa Hospital Association, Des Moines; and Richard F. Pops, Alkermes, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Paul McHale, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Security, and Christopher Ryan Henry, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. McHale was introduced by Senator Specter, and Mr. Henry was introduced by Senator Reid.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee met and adopted its rules of procedure for the 108th Congress, and ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 35) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the budget and current economic outlook for fiscal years 2003 through 2013, after receiving testimony from Barry B. Anderson, Acting Director, Congressional Budget Office.