

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**

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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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee met and ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 37) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

MEDIA OWNERSHIP

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine media ownership, focusing on the current state of and consolidation in the radio industry, after receiving testimony from Senator Feingold; Representative Berman; L. Lowry Mays, Clear Channel Communications, Inc., San Antonio, Texas; Edward O. Fritts, National Association of Broadcasters, and Jenny Toomey, Future of Music Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.; Don Henley, Santa Monica, California, on behalf of the Recording Artists' Coalition; and Robert Short, Jr., Short Broadcasting Co., Inc., Jamesville, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 36) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the status of United States border security focusing on weaknesses in screening entrants into the country, and efforts to combat terrorism, receiving testimony from Robert J. Cramer, Managing Director, Office of Special Investigations, General Accounting Office; Johnny N. Williams, Executive Associate Commissioner for Field Operations, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; Robert W. Jacksta, Executive Director, Border Security and Facilitation, Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Earl E. Devaney, Inspector General, and Donald W. Murphy, Deputy Director, National Park Service, both of the Department of the Interior; and Daniel Wirth, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, Tucson, Arizona.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John W. Snow, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

UNITED NATIONS INSPECTIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the January 27 United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Reports to the United Nations Security Council on inspections in Iraq, after receiving testimony Richard L. Armitage, Deputy Secretary of

State; and John D. Negroponte, United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 39) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

SMALLPOX VACCINATION PLAN

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee held hearings to examine the Federal role and its implementation of a national smallpox vaccination program, focusing on prevention and preparedness strategies, receiving testimony from Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; William J. Bicknell, Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts; William Schuler, Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on behalf of the Federation of American Hospitals; Jon Abramson, Brenner Children's Hospital, Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, North Carolina, on behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Martha Baker, Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Florida, on behalf of the Service Employees International Union, AFL-CIO; and Kim C. Bush, Baxter BioScience Vaccines, Columbia, Maryland, on behalf of the Baxter Healthcare Corporation.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit;

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; and

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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 108th Congress, and ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 38) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.