

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 72, electing William H. Pickle as the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

Senate agreed to S. Res. 71, in support of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3037–S3107

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced as follows: S. 503–513, and S. Res. 71–73. Pages S3086–87, S3101–02

Measures Reported:

S. 342, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act. (S. Rept. No. 108–12) Page S3086

Measures Passed:

Electing William H. Pickle as Sergeant at Arms: Senate agreed to S. Res. 72, electing William H. Pickle of Colorado as the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate. Pages S3068–69

Pledge of Allegiance: By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 39), Senate agreed to S. Res. 71, expressing the support for the Pledge of Allegiance, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S3074–76

Murkowski Amendment No. 249, making certain technical corrections. Page S3075–76

Florida Feasibility Study: Senate passed S. 111, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S3103

Florida National Forest Land Management Act: Senate passed S. 117, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida. Pages S3103–04

Noxious Weed Control Act: Senate passed S. 144, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish

a program to provide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S3104

Galisteo Basin Archaeological Sites Protection Act: Senate passed S. 210, to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico. Pages S3104–05

Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark Act: Senate passed S. 214, to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S3105–06

Coltsville Study Act: Senate passed S. 233, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System. Page S3106

Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park Addition Act: Senate passed S. 254, to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii. Page S3106

Honoring Air Force Astronauts: Senate agreed to S. Res. 73, remembering and honoring the heroic lives of astronauts Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Michael Anderson and Navy Commander William “Willie” McCool. Pages S3106–07

Nomination Considered: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. Pages S3054–68, S3070–74

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, March 6, 2003. Pages S3070–74

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, March 4, 2003. **Page S3107**

Moscow Treaty—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions (Treaty Doc. 107–8), at 12 noon, on Wednesday, March 5, 2003, with a vote on the adoption of the resolution of ratification to occur at the conclusion of debate on the resolution.

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Measures Held at Desk: **Page S3084**

Executive Communications: **Pages S3084–86**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S3087–88**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Additional Statements: **Pages S3080–84**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S3102**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S3102**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—39) **Page S3076**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 5, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3107.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee resumed hearings to examine the federal government's initiatives regarding the school breakfast and lunch programs, and child nutrition and health, after receiving testimony from Gaye Lynn MacDonald, Bellingham Public Schools, Bellingham, Washington, on behalf of the American School Food Service Association; Robert J. Kemmery, Jr., Baltimore County Public Schools, Towson Maryland; Dennis J. Heiman, Muscatine Community School District, Muscatine, Iowa; Melanie Payne, Opelika City Schools, Opelika, Alabama; Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Susan T. Borra, on behalf of the American Dietetic Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jerry Kozak, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the National Milk Producers Federation and the International Dairy Foods Association.

2004 BUDGET: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for military construction, after receiving testimony from Mario P. Fiori, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations and Environment, H. T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment, Nelson F. Gibbs, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment and Logistics, Dov S. Zakheim, Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, and Ray DuBois, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Installations and Environment, all of the Department of Defense.

MILITARY OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on current military operations from Lieutenant General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Director for Operations, J–3, and Major General Glen D. Shafer, USAF, Director for Intelligence, J–2, both of The Joint Staff; and William Luti, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Special Plans.

2004 BUDGET: HUD

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Mel Martinez, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Charles E. McQueary, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology, who was introduced by Senator Dole, and Jeffrey Shane, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Policy, Emil H. Frankel, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, and Robert A. Sturgell, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, all of the Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ELECTRICITY MARKETS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the financial condition of the electricity markets, and the current status of the energy industry, after receiving testimony from David A. Svanda, Michigan Public Service Commission, Lansing, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Evan J. Silverstein, SILCAP Hedge Fund, and Suzanne G. Smith, Standard and Poor's, both of New York, New