

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3375-S3420

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 580-585. **Pages S3410-11**

Measures Reported:

S. 162, to provide for the use of distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. (S. Rept. No. 108-17)

S. 222, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona. (S. Rept. No. 108-18) **Page S3410**

Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S3375-83**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 11, 2003. **Page S3420**

Partial Birth Abortion Ban: Senate began consideration of S. 3, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion. **Pages S3383-89, S3390-99**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 11, 2003. **Page S3420**

Appointments:

NATO Parliamentary Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a-1928d, as amended, appointed Senator Biden as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the 108th Congress. **Page S3420**

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, appointed Senator Crapo as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 108th Congress. **Page S3420**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX.44), Gregory L. Frost, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. **Pages S3389-90, S3420**

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Privilege of the Floor: **Page S3420**

Record Vote: One record vote was taken today. (Total—44) **Page S3390**

Adjournment: Senate met at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 8:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 11, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on Page S3420.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HEALTH CARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine challenges facing America's health care system, focusing on health care costs, proposals for universal coverage, Medicare and Medicaid, access to care, and health insurance, after receiving testimony from Dan L. Crippen, former Director, Congressional Budget Office; Len M. Nichols, Center for Studying Health System Change, and Stuart Butler, Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Karen Davis, Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 1168; and; 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 85, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 19, designating the room numbered H-236 in the House of Representatives wing of the Capitol as the "Richard K. Armev Room" (H. Rept. 108-29); and

H.R. 145, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Ted Weiss Federal Building" (H. Rept. 108-30).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on Page H1683.

Referrals: S. Con. Res. 13 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls Votes: No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EMERGING THREATS—NUCLEAR POWER FACILITIES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations held a hearing entitled "Emerging Threats: Assessing Public Safety and Security Measures at Nuclear Power Facilities." Testimony was heard from W. Craig Conklin, Technological Services Division, Office of National Preparedness, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Hubert Miller, Administrator, Region I, NRC; Jim Wells, Director, Natural Resources and the Environment, GAO; the following officials of the State of Connecticut: Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General; John T. Wiltse, Director, Office of Emergency Management; and Richard Bond, First Selectman, Town of New Canaan; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine Medicare outlier payments to hospitals, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2004, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine existing federal programs and new proposals that promote air service to small and rural communities, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine oil, gas, Hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on federal programs for energy efficiency and conservation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine defined benefit pension plans, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine reconstruction issues with respect to Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine aging, focusing on fitness and nutrition, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Corporation for Public Broadcasting, 10:15 a.m., and to continue on Corporation for National and Community Services, 11:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on "Workforce Investment and Rehabilitation Acts: Improving Services and Empowering Individuals," 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Progress Since 9/11: The Effectiveness of U.S. Anti-Terrorist Financing Efforts," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "How to Improve Regulatory Accounting: Costs, Benefits, and Impacts on Federal Regulations," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Saving the Congo Basin: The Stakes, The Plan, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing and mark up of the following bills: H.R. 1104, Child Abduction Prevention Act; and H.R. 1161, Child Obscenity and Pornography Prevention Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled “RESPA Reform and the Economic Effects on Small Business,” 3 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue hearings on the Administration’s Economic Growth Proposals, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 3, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion.

At 11 a.m., until 12:30 p.m., Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, for the purpose of a discussion regarding the Senate's constitutional role of "advice and consent".

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will continue consideration of S. 3, listed-above.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

(1) H. Res. 122, Recognizing the Bicentennial of Ohio's Admission to the Union and the Contributions of its Residents to the United States;

(2) H. Con. Res. 85, Urging Improved Fire Safety in Nonresidential Buildings in the Aftermath of the Nightclub Fire in West Warwick, Rhode Island;

(3) H.R. 441, Urging Observer status for Taiwan at the May 2003 World Health Assembly;

(4) H. Con. Res. 77, Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Rescue of 50,000 Bulgarian Jews from the Holocaust and Commending the Bulgarians for Their Ethnic and Religious Tolerance; and

(5) H. Res. 19, Designating H-236 in the Capitol as the "Richard K. Arme y Room."

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