

Vernon Bernard Parker, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. (New Position)

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Philip P. Simon, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for a term of four years.

John A. Woodcock, Jr., of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

Mark R. Kravitz, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

L. Scott Coogler, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—111) Pages S4489–90, S4496

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 10 a.m., adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 3 p.m., on Monday, March 31, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4540.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Roderick Paige, Secretary of Education.

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation making

wartime supplemental appropriations, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, after receiving testimony from Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security; and Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: GAO/GPO/CBO

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the General Accounting Office, Government Printing Office, and Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from David Walker, Comptroller, General Accounting Office; Bruce James, Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### NATO

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), after receiving testimony from Marc I. Grossman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and Douglas J. Feith, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

### DISABLED MILITARY RETIREES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on compensation for disabled military retirees, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits; Sarah T. Jennings, Principal Analyst, Defense Cost Estimate Unit, Congressional Budget Office; Carolyn L. Merck, former Specialist in Social Legislation, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Education, Work, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; Colonel Steve Strobbridge, USAF (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; Master Gunnery Sergeant Benjamin H. Butler, USMC (Ret.), National Association for the Uniformed Services, Springfield, Virginia; and G. Michael Schlee, American Legion National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: WARFIGHTERS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded closed hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on intelligence support to warfighters, after receiving testimony from Stephen A. Cambone, Under Secretary

of Defense for Intelligence; Joan A. Dempsey, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management; Lieutenant General Robert W. Noonan, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army; Rear Admiral Richard B. Porterfield, USN, Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy; Major General Ronald F. Sams, USAF, Director of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Department of the Air Force; and Brigadier General Michael E. Ennis, USMC, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, Marine Corps.

### HUMAN CLONING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine implications of cloning on women's health, focusing on reproductive technology, experimentation, and egg donations, after receiving testimony from Senator Landrieu; R. Alta Charo, University of Wisconsin Law and Medical Schools, Madison; Andrew Kimbrell, International Center for Technology Assessment, and Richard Doerflinger, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, both of Washington, D.C.; Maria del Carmen Bustillo, South Florida Institute for Reproductive Medicine, Miami; Lynne Millican, Boston, Massachusetts; and John T. Bruchalski, Fairfax, Virginia.

### ELECTRIC INDUSTRY

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine various electricity proposals including S.475, to reform the nation's outdated laws relating to the electric industry, improve the operation of our transmission system, enhance reliability of our electric grid, increase consumer benefits from whole electric competition, and restore investor confidence in the electric industry, after receiving testimony Pat Wood III, Chairman, Nora Mead Brownell, Commissioner, William Massey, Commissioner, all of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; P.G. Para, Jacksonville Electric Authority, Jacksonville, Florida; Ray Gifford, Progress and Freedom Foundation, David S. Svanda, National Association of Regulatory and Utility Commissioners, John Anderson, Electricity Consumers Resource Council, H. Allen Franklin, Southern Company, Alan H. Richardson, American Public Power Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Gerald Norlander, National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, Silver Spring, Maryland; Phillip G. Harris, PJM Interconnection, LLC, Norristown, Pennsylvania; James P. Torgerson, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana; Glenn English, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Arlington, Virginia; Elizabeth A. Moler, Exelon Corporation, Chi-

cago, Illinois, on behalf of the Electric Power Supply Association; and Phil Tollefson, Colorado Springs Utilities, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

### NATO ENLARGEMENT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held hearings to examine North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) enlargement, focusing on qualifications and contributions, accession protocols, and the NATO Response Force, receiving testimony from Ian Brzezinski, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO Affairs; Heather A. Conley, Janet L. Bogue, and Robert A. Bradtke, each a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, April 1.

### HIV/AIDS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Federal role in combating the global transmission of AIDS in Africa, focusing on issues relating to research, prevention, care and treatment, HIV transmission through unsafe medical practices, and global control of tuberculosis and malaria, after receiving testimony from Claude A. Allen, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services; Maria J. Wawer, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, Rakai District, Uganda; and David Gisselquist, Hershey, Pennsylvania.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Mary Ellen Coster Williams, of Maryland, and Victor J. Wolski, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, and Michael E. Horowitz, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, and McGregor William Scott, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California, Department of Justice.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Edward C. Prado, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, Richard D. Bennett, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, who was introduced by Senators Sarbanes and Mikulski, Dee D. Drell, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, who was introduced by Senator Landrieu and Representative Tauzin, J. Leon Holmes, to be United States District Judge for

the Eastern District of Arkansas, who was introduced by Senators Lincoln and Pryor, and Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, and Charles F. Lettow,

of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, who were both introduced by Senator Bingaman.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 48 public bills, H.R. 1458–1505; 2 private bills, H.R. 1506–1507; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 124–129, and H. Res. 165–166, were introduced. **Pages H2470–72**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2472–74**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 735, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service, amended (H. Rept. 108–49);

H.R. 522, to reform the Federal deposit insurance system, amended (H. Rept. 108–50); and H.R. 21, to prevent the use of certain bank instruments for unlawful Internet gambling (H. Rept. 108–51 Pt. 1). **Page H2470**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Sister Benedict Kesock, O.S.B., Principal, St. Charles School of Arlington, Virginia. **Page H2403**

**Child Abduction Prevention Act:** The House passed H.R. 1104, to prevent child abduction by recorded vote of 410 ayes to 14 noes, Roll No. 89. Subsequently the House passed S. 151, a similar Senate passed measure, after amending it to contain the text of H.R. 1104, as passed the House. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “an Act to prevent child abduction and the sexual exploitation of children, and for other purposes.” H.R. 1104 was then laid on the table. **Pages H2405–2443**

The House then insisted on its amendments and requested a conference with the Senate. Appointed as conferees from the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Coble, Smith of Texas, Green of Wisconsin, Hart, Conyers, and Scott of Virginia. Appointed as conferee, Representative Frost for consideration of the Senate bill and House amendments, and modifications committed to conference. **Page H2443**

Agreed to the Scott motion to instruct conferees to allow opportunity for members of the committee

of conference to offer and debate amendments at all meetings and that all meetings be open to the public and media and be held in venues selected to maximize the capacity for attendance of the public and the media. **Page H2443**

Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of the substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–47 Part I) shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H2416–18**

Agreed To:

Pence amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–48 that makes it a criminal act to knowingly use a misleading domain name with the intent to deceive a person into viewing obscenity on the Internet or knowingly deceive a minor into viewing material that is harmful to minors; **Pages H2418–20**

Feeney amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–48 that places strict limits on departures from Federal sentencing guidelines (agreed to by recorded vote of 357 ayes to 58 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 87); **Pages H2420–24, H2436**

Pomeroy amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–48 that reauthorizes grant programs within the victims of Child Abuse act that provide funding to child advocacy centers; **Pages H2424–25**

Foley amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 108–48 that requires the AMBER alert coordinator to submit a report by March 1, 2005 on the effectiveness of the AMBER Alert plans and establishes a \$5 million grant program to implement new technologies; **Pages H2425–26**

Carter amendment No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 108–48 that provides for a feasibility study of issues relating to background checks for volunteers of groups that work with children, the disabled, and the elderly; **Pages H2426–27**

Lampson amendment No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 108–48 that gives jurisdiction to the U.S. Secret Service to continue to provide forensic and investigative support upon request from local law enforcement or from the National Center for Missing and exploited children; **Pages H2427–28**

Acevedo-Vilá amendment No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 108–48 that requires certain procedures to be established and followed when a child is reported