

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4651–S4732

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 763–773, S. Res. 103, and S. Con. Res. 32. **Pages S4702–03**

Measures Passed:

Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act: Senate passed S. 380, 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, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4726–29**

Frist (for Collins) Amendment No. 469, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4729**

Senate Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 103, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of *John Jenkel v. Daniel K. Akaka, et al.* **Pages S4729–30**

Wartime Supplemental Appropriations: Senate began consideration of S. 762, making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4657–66, S4676–98**

Adopted:

Stevens/Inouye Modified Amendment No. 436, to increase Imminent Danger Special Pay. **Pages S4662–66, S4676**

Allard Modified Amendment No. 451, to establish a panel to determine responsibility for an atmosphere at the United States Air Force Academy that was conducive to the recent acts of sexual misconduct at the United States Air Force Academy. **Pages S4686–87, S4697**

Rejected:

Hollings Amendment No. 445, relative to port security. (By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 115), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4678–86, S4690**

Landrieu Amendment No. 452, to appropriate \$1,047,000,000 for procurement for the National Guard and Reserves. (By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 116), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4590–91, S4687–90**

Withdrawn:

Durbin Amendment No. 437 (to Amendment No. 436), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S4663–66, S4676**

McCain Amendment No. 456, to strike the appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the Maritime Loan Guarantee Program under title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936. **Pages S4692–94**

Pending:

Stevens Amendment No. 435, to increase the National Debt Ceiling of the United States. **Pages S4661–62, S4677**

Reid Amendment No. 440, to provide critical funding to safeguard nuclear weapons and nuclear material in the United States and around the world. **Pages S4677–78**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

Senate sustained a point of order against Corzine/Edwards Amendment No. 462, to help protect the public against the threat of chemical attacks, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate which prohibits legislation on appropriations matters, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S4694–97**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 3, 2003, and that Senator Boxer be recognized to offer an amendment related to anti-missiles. **Page S4731**

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 S4666–76**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 114), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the fourth motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S4675–76**

Appointments:

United States Capitol Preservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, appointed the following Senators as members of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Senator Bennett, vice Senator Durbin, and Senator Campbell, vice Senator Reid. **Page S4730**

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the appointment of Alan C. Lowe, of Tennessee, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page S4730**

United States Capitol Preservation Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, announced the appointment of Senator Durbin as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission, vice Senator Bennett. **Page S4730**

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the appointment of Stephen Van Buren, of South Dakota, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, vice Elizabeth Scott of South Dakota. **Page S4730**

Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Joint Convention on Safety of Spent Fuel and Radioactive Waste Management Treaty Doc.106-48 with 3 conditions. **Pages S4730-31**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Stephen M. Young, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Steven A. Browning, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.

Ronald L. Schlicher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

John F. Maisto, of Pennsylvania, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

William Emil Moschella, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Teresa M. Ressel, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Herbert S. Garten, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2005.

Thomas R. Meites, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2004.

Stephen D. Krasner, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2005.

Daniel Pipes, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2005.

Charles Edward Horner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2007.

Elizabeth Courtney, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2010. (Reappointment)

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps. **Pages S4731-32**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Ronald L. Schlicher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, which was sent to the Senate on April 2, 2003. **Page S4732**

Messages From the House: **Pages S4701-02**

Measures Referred: **Page S4702**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S4700-01**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S4716-26**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S4726**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—116) **Pages S4676, S4690-91**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 3, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4731.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Navy, after receiving testimony from Hansford T. Johnson, Acting Secretary of the Navy; Admiral Vernon E. Clark, U.S. Navy, Chief of Naval Operations; and General Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

D.C. FOSTER CARE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the status of foster care in the District of Columbia, focusing on child welfare reform, and issues associated with the Child and Family Services Agency's performance and policies, after receiving testimony from Representative Tom Davis; Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; Olivia A. Golden, Director, District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency; Judith W. Meltzer, Center for the Study of Social Policy, Washington, D.C.; and Ann E. Schneiders, National Association of Counsel for Children, Denver, Colorado.

APPROPRIATIONS: FAA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and General Government to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Federal Aviation Administration, focusing on aviation safety and security issues, and financial challenges facing the aviation industry, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Jeffrey N. Shane, Under Secretary for Policy, all of the Department of Transportation.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: DOE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management and Office of Legacy Management, after receiving testimony from Jessie Hill Roberson, Assistant Secretary of Environmental Management, and Michael W. Owen, Director, Office of Worker and Community Transition, both of the Department of Energy.

UNIVERSAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings on the future of Universal Service, focusing on preserving and advancing high quality, reliable and affordable telecommunications services to the greatest extent throughout America, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Carson Hughes, Telepax, Inc./Cellular South Licenses, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi, on behalf of the Wireless Independent Group; Joel E. Lubin, AT&T Corporation, Washington, D.C.; Matthew Dosch, Comporium Group, Rock Hill, South Carolina, on behalf of the United States Telecom Association; Robert W. Orent, Hiawatha Communications, Inc., Munising, Michigan, on behalf of the Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance; William R. Gillis, Washington State University, Pullman; and Thomas R. Meade, Alaska Communications Systems, Jack H. Rhyner, TelAlaska, Inc., and Dana L. Tindall, General Communication, Inc., all of Anchorage, Alaska.

NASA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine certain issues with respect to the NASA human space flight program, and the Space Shuttle Columbia accident, after receiving testimony from Marcia S. Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecommunication Policy, Resources, Science and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Brian E. Chase, National Space Society, Washington, D.C.; and Alex Roland, Duke University Department of History, Durham, North Carolina.

MILITARY ENCROACHMENT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine certain provisions of the President's proposed budget request for the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2004 relating to encroachment of environmental laws on military bases and training operations, after receiving testimony from Benedict S. Cohen, Deputy General Counsel for Environment and Installations, Department of Defense; John Peter Suarez, Assistant Administrator for Enforcement, and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency; H. Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; Barry W. Holman, Director of Defense Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; Frank J. Gaffney, Jr., Center for Security Policy, and Jamie Rappaport