

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 196, Digital and Wireless Network Technology Program Act of 2003.

The House passed H.R. 1350, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Reauthorization.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 14, S. 950–964, S. Res. 126–129, and S. Con. Res. 40–41.

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Measures Reported:

S. Con. Res. 26, condemning the punishment of execution by stoning as a gross violation of human rights.

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Measures Passed:

Digital and Wireless Network Technology Program Act: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 136), Senate passed S. 196, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Allen Amendment No. 532, to ensure that the educational assistance is focused on supporting science, mathematics, engineering, and technology at eligible institutions, and provide for appropriate review of grant proposals.

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Commending Sally Goffinet: Senate agreed to S. Res. 128, to commend Sally Goffinet on thirty-one years of service to the United States Senate.

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Commending University of Minnesota Men's Hockey Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 126, commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers for winning the 2002–2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I National Collegiate Men's Ice Hockey Championship.

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Congratulating U.S. Capitol Police: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 156, extending congratulations to the United States Capitol Police on the oc-

casional of its 175th anniversary and expressing gratitude to the men and women of the United States Capitol Police and their families for their devotion to duty and service in safeguarding the freedoms of the American people.

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Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Clean Diamond Trade Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 760, to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds.

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Nomination Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Executive Calendar No. 35, the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Nomination Considered: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, May, 1, 2003, with one hour of debate, followed by a vote on the motion to close further debate thereon.

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Nomination Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, if the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Priscilla Owen (listed above) is not agreed to, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Edward C. Prado, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Amendments to Constitution and Convention of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (Geneva 1992) (Treaty Doc. No. 108–5); and

Protocol of Amendment to International Convention on Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures (Treaty Doc. 108-6).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia. These protocols were opened for signature at Brussels on March 26, 2003, and signed that day on behalf of the United States and the other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty With Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia (Treaty Doc. 108-4) (Ex. Rept. 108-6).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert W. Fitts, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.

John E. Herbst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

William B. Wood, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.

Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, a Foreign Service Officer of Class One, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan.

Lisa Genevieve Nason, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2004.

Georgianna E. Ignace, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2004.

John Richard Grimes, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2006.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—136) Page S5510

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, May 1, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5617.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HEALTH CARE ACCESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine health care access and affordability, focusing on the effects of uninsurance on individuals, families, and communities, after receiving testimony from Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Princeton, New Jersey; Arthur L. Kellermann, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; Carolyn F. Scanlan, Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg; Lanette Kane, People's Clinic, Cedar Falls, Iowa; and Chris Peterson, Clear Lake, Iowa.

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the District of Columbia Courts, after receiving testimony from Annice M. Wagner, Chair, Joint Committee on Judicial Administration, Washington, D.C.; and Doug Nelson, Director, National Capitol Region Property