

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2, Jobs and Growth Tax Reconciliation Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5981–S6011

Measures Introduced: Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1035–1038, and S. Res. 138–140. Pages S5995–96

Measures Reported:

S. 2, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to encourage economic growth, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S5995

S. 709, to award a congressional gold medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair. Page S5995

Measure Passed:

Expressing Thanks to the People of Qatar: Senate agreed to S. Res. 139, expressing the thanks of the Senate to the people of Qatar for their cooperation in supporting United States Armed Forces and the armed forces of coalition countries during the recent military action in Iraq, and welcoming His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifah Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, to the United States. Pages S6010–11

Energy Policy Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 14, to enhance the energy security of the United States, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Frist/Daschle Amendment No. 539, to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply, to increase production and use of renewable fuel, and to increase the Nation's energy independence. Page S5983

Reconciliation Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2003, Senate proceed to consideration of S. 2, Jobs and Growth Tax Act (Reconciliation Bill), pursuant to the order of May 8, 2003. Page S6011

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Leonardo M. Rapadas, of Guam, to be United States Attorney for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Attorney for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of four years.

Adam Noel Torres, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Central District of California for the term of four years.

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

A routine list in the Coast Guard. Page S6011

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 12:54 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, May 12, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6011.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 2043–2067; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 172–176, and H. Res. 228, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

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

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of May 8 by ye-and-nay vote of 311 yeas to 72 nays, Roll No. 177.

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Jobs and Growth Tax Reconciliation Act: The House passed H.R. 2, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to encourage economic growth by recorded vote of 222 yeas to 203 noes, Roll No. 182.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "A bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004."

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Rejected the Moore motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to promptly report the bill back to the House with an amendment that provides that the bill's provisions will not take effect until the Federal budget is in balance by recorded vote of 202 yeas to 218 noes, Roll No. 181.

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Earlier, Representative Rangel moved to recommit the bill with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Chairman Thomas raised a point of order against the amendment stating that it was not germane. The Chair sustained the point of order and Representative Rangel appealed the ruling. Subsequently the House then agreed to table the Rangel motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by recorded vote of 222 yeas to 202 noes, Roll No. 180.

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Pursuant to the rule the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–94) was considered as adopted.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 227, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by recorded vote of 220 yeas to 203 noes, Roll No. 179. Earlier

agreed to order the previous question by ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 178.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of May 12.

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Meeting Hour—Tuesday, May 13: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 14.

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Receiving Former Members of Congress in the House Chamber: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, May 14, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, for the purpose of receiving former Members of Congress in the House Chamber. Further agreed that it be in order for the Speaker to declare a recess subject to the call of the Chair for the purpose of receiving the former Members.

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Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Read a letter from the Minority Leader whereby she appointed Representatives Slaughter and Jackson of Illinois to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission for the 108th Congress.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H3864.

Referrals: S. 113 was referred to the Committees on the Judiciary and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, S. 165 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, S. Con. Res. 26 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3863–64, H3901, H3901–02, H3954, H3955–56, and H3956. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities approved for full Committee action H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

NATION'S CAPITAL—EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "In Search of Educational Excellence in the Nation's Capital: A Review of Academic Options for Students and Parents in the District of Columbia." Testimony was heard from Representatives Flake and Cummings; Eugene Hickok, Under Secretary, Department of Education; the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony Williams, Mayor; Linda Cropp, Chairman, Council; Kevin Chavous, Chair, Committee on Education, Libraries and Recreation, Council; Peggy Cooper Cafritz, President, Board of Education; and Josephine Baker, Executive Director, Public Charter School Board; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 12 through May 16, 2003

Senate Chamber

On *Monday* and *Tuesday*, Senate will consider S. 2, Jobs and Growth Tax Act (Reconciliation Bill).

During the balance of the week, Senate may also consider S. 14, Energy Policy Act, H.R. 1298 Global HIV/AIDS, and H. J. Res. 51, Increased Public Debt, and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 14, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill, 2 p.m., SR-328A.

May 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending calendar business, 11:30 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: May 13, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Transportation Security

Administration, and Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, 10 a.m., SD-124.

May 13, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine investments in after school programs, focusing on effective academic and recreational opportunities and safe havens for youth, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

May 14, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on the foster care systems, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

May 14, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, 10:15 a.m., SD-192.

May 15, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for programs under its jurisdiction, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

May 15, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

May 15, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimate for fiscal year 2004 for foreign operations, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Steven B. Nesmith, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Jose Teran, of Florida, James Broaddus, of Texas, Lane Carson, of Louisiana, and Paul Pate, of Iowa, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, Nicholas Gregory Mankiw, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

May 15, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Fair Credit Reporting Act and issues presented by the Re-authorization of the Expiring Preemption Provisions, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 13, to continue hearings to examine media ownership, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Columbia Space Shuttle investigation, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 15, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine recommendations to tighten oversight of the Title XI Shipbuilding Loan Guarantee Program, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 15, Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 13, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 452, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, S. 500, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study certain sites in the historic district of Beaufort, South Carolina, relating to the Reconstruction Era,

S. 601, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, for inclusion in the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, S. 612, to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona, H.R. 788, to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona, S. 630, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the San Gabriel River Watershed, and H.R. 519, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the San Gabriel River Watershed, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 13, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 520, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District in the State of Idaho, S. 625, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies in the Tualatin River Basin in Oregon, S. 960, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize certain projects in the State of Hawaii and to amend the Hawaii Water Resources Act of 2000 to modify the water resources study, S. 649, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and S. 993, to amend the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: May 13, Subcommittee on International Trade, to hold hearings to examine the status of the free trade area of the Americas, focusing on negotiations and preparations for the Miami Ministerial, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: May 14, to hold hearings to examine tissue banks, focusing on tainted tissues and federal regulation, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

May 15, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on state and local governments, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

May 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susanne T. Marshall, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Neil McPhie, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Terrence A. Duffy, of Illinois, to be a Member of of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, and Thomas Waters Grant, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 14, business meeting to consider S.888, to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, S. 686, to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers, S. 504, to establish academics for teachers and students of American history and civics and a national alliance of teachers of American history and civics, and S. 754, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve immunization rates by increasing the distribution of vaccines and improving and clarifying the vaccine injury compensation program, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 14, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, to be immediately followed by oversight hearings to examine the role of funding of the Federal National Indian Gaming Commission, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

May 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 575, to amend the Native American Languages Act to provide for the support of Native American language survival schools, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 13, to hold hearings to examine Project Safe Neighborhoods, focusing on gun violence, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

May 14, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine recruitment of terrorists in prison, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, May 13, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Member of Congress, 9:45 a.m., and on public witnesses, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Agencies, on International Education, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to continue on public witnesses, 9:45 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, May 13, to mark up H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 13, hearing on "The State of American Higher Education: What are Parents, Students and Taxpayers Getting for their Money?" 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "United Nations Oil For Food Program," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 13, hearing on the state of the international financial system, IMF reform, and compliance with IMF agreements, 4 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to mark up H.R. 1474, Check Clearing the 21st Century Act, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Divesting Saddam: Freezing, Seizing, and Repatriating Saddam's Money to the Iraqis," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 15, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Retirement Security: What Seniors Need to Know about Protecting Their Futures," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, May 13, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing on "Show Me the Tax Dollars—How

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May 13, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing on "Humanitarian Assistance Following Military Operations: Overcoming Barriers," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing entitled "The American Community Survey: The Challenges of Eliminating the Long Form From the 2010 Census," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 15, full Committee, hearing entitled "Overexposed: The Threats to Privacy and Security on File Sharing Networks," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 16, hearing on "Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Residents: A Review of Reform Efforts at the District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, May 13, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Reviewing the Sudan Peace Act Report, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Europe and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, to continue joint hearings on U.S. Cooperative Threat Reduction and Nonproliferation Programs: How Far Have We Come—Where Are We Heading?, Part 11, 12:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 15, full Committee, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Iraq, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 13, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on "John Allen Muhammad, Document Fraud, and the Western Hemisphere Passport Exception," 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on "Reauthorization of the U.S. Department of Justice: Bureau of Prisons; Office of Justice Programs; U.S. Marshals Service; and Criminal Division," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 15, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1115, Class Action Fairness Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 15, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 361, Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 15, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the "Reauthorization of the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division," 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 15, Subcommittee Water and Power, oversight hearing on CALFED's Cross-Cut Budget, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, May 13, to consider the following: H.R. 1527, National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 1000, Pension Security Act of 2003, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, May 14, hearing on Cybersecurity Research and Development, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 13, hearing to discuss the impact of foreign titanium purchased by the Air Force on small and medium sized U.S. manufacturers, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

May 14, hearing on the Effect on U.S. Small Business of the World Trade Organization's Challenge to the FSC/ETI Rules of the IRC, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

May 15, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing on the cost of regulations to the small business community, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

May 15, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology, hearing on the Impact of the Highway Beautification Act on small businesses across America, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 14, Subcommittee on Aviation, to mark up the following: a measure to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration; and the Aviation Security Technical Corrections and Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 15, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on overview of Administration's Proposed Reauthorization bill (SAFETEA), 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, May 15, to mark up pending business, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 13, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the Use of Private Collection Agencies to Improve IRS Debt Collection, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, May 14, executive, hearing on General Defense Intelligence Program (GDIP) Budget, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

May 15, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, hearing on Sensitive Programs Budget, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, May 15, hearing entitled "Bioshield: Countering the Bioterrorist Threat," 1 p.m., room to be announced.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, May 12

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will begin consideration of S. 2, Jobs and Growth Tax Act (Reconciliation Bill).

House Chamber

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