

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10079–S10169

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1479–1488, and S. Res. 204. **Page S10140**

Measures Reported:

S. 910, to ensure the continuation of non-home-land security functions of Federal agencies transferred to the Department of Homeland Security, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–115)

Report to accompany S. 1416, to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement. (S. Rept. No. 108–116)

Report to accompany S. 1417, to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement. (S. Rept. No. 108–117) **Page S10139**

Measures Passed:

Dr. Yang Jianli Release: Senate agreed to S. Res. 184, calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China immediately and unconditionally to release Dr. Yang Jianli, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Page S10166**

Commending Signing of U.S.-Adriatic Charter: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 209, commending the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter, a charter of partnership among the United States, Albania, Croatia, and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S10166–67**

Postmaster Equity Act: Senate passed S. 678, to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10167–68**

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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Adopted:

Bingaman Amendment No. 1410 (to Amendment No. 1386), to reinstate congressional review of corporate average fuel economy standards for passenger vehicles.

By 66 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 310), Bond Modified Amendment No. 1386, to impose additional requirements for improving automobile fuel economy and reducing vehicle emissions. **Pages S10080, S10104–05, S10115–16**

Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 309), Durbin Amendment No. 1384, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the system for enhancing automobile fuel efficiency. **Pages S10080, S10105–14**

Pending:

Campbell Amendment No. 886, to replace “tribal consortia” with “tribal energy resource development organizations”. **Page S10080**

Durbin Modified Amendment No. 1385, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives for enhancing motor vehicle fuel efficiency. **Page S10080**

Domenici Amendment No. 1412, to reform certain electricity laws. **Pages S10115–33**

Bingaman Amendment No. 1413, to strengthen the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's authority to review public utility mergers. **Pages S10116–25**

Bingaman Amendment No. 1418 (to Amendment No. 1412), to preserve the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's authority to protect the public interest prior to July 1, 2005. **Pages S10125–33**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, July 30, 2003; with 2½ hours of debate on the Cantwell amendment, followed by a vote to occur thereon. **Page S10169**

Nomination Considered: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S10090–S10100**

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

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 308), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having

voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the third motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nomination: Senate began consideration of the nomination of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, July 31, 2003.

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Authority for Committees All committees were authorized to file legislative and executive reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, August 26, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the nomination to occur following the vote on the Cantwell amendment to S. 14, Energy Policy Act.

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Chile/Singapore Trade Agreements—Consent Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2738, to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement, and H.R. 2739, to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement en bloc, under certain conditions for debate only; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the bills be read a third time and the Senate then immediately proceed to a Senate Resolution regarding the immigration provisions included in H.R. 2738 and H.R. 2739 (both listed above); the resolution then be agreed to; provided further, the Senate then proceed to a vote on passage H.R. 2739, U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement, followed by a vote on passage of H.R. 2738, U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement.

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

Report to accompany the Agreement between the United States and the Government of the Russian Federation on the Conservation and Management of the Alaska-Chukotka Polar Bear Population (Treaty Doc. 107–10), Agreement with Canada Amending the Treaty on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges (Treaty Doc. 108–1), and the Agreement Amending the 1987 Treaty on Fisheries

with Certain Pacific Island States of April 2, 1987 (Treaty Doc. 108–2) (Ex. Rept. 108–7); and

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Report to accompany the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air (Treaty Doc. 106–45), and the Protocol to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air Signed at Warsaw on October 12, 1929, done at The Hague September 28, 1955 (The Hague Protocol). (Treaty Doc. 107–14) (Ex. Rept. 108–8)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).

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.

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.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—310) **Pages S10100, S10114, S10115**

Recess: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 8:49 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, July 30, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10169.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of General Peter J. Schoomaker (Ret.), USA, for appointment as Chief of