

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10171–S10453*

**Measures Introduced:** Seventeen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1489–1505, and S. Res. 205–206. **Page S10265**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1125, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–118) **Page S10264**

#### Measures Passed:

*Native American Technical Corrections Act:* Senate passed S. 523, to make technical corrections to law relating to Native Americans, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10441–49**

Frist (for Campbell) Amendment No. 1435, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10447–49**

*Over-the-Road Bus Security and Safety Act:* Senate passed S. 929, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for security improvements to over-the-road bus operations, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S10449–51**

*Federal Employees Student Loan Assistance Act:* Senate passed S. 926, to amend section 5379 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the annual and aggregate limits on student loan repayments by Federal agencies. **Page S10451**

*Honoring Dr. William R. Bright:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 206, honoring the memory of Dr. William R. (“Bill”) Bright and commending his life as an example to succeeding generations. **Pages S10451–52**

**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:

**Pages S10173–88, S10203–18, S10251**

#### Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 311), Cantwell Amendment No. 1419 (to Amendment No. 1412), to prohibit market manipulation. **Page S10173–88**

Bingaman Amendment No. 1413 (to Amendment No. 1412), to strengthen the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s authority to review public utility mergers. (By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 313), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S10173, S10213–14, S10215**

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. (By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 314), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S10173, S10214–15, S10215–16**

Feingold/Brownback Amendment No. 1416 (to Amendment No. 1412), to protect the public and investors from abusive affiliate, associate company, and subsidiary company transactions. (By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 315), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S10203–13, S10216**

#### Pending:

Campbell Amendment No. 886, to replace “tribal consortia” with “tribal energy resource development organizations”. **Page S10173**

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 S10173**

Domenici Amendment No. 1412, to reform certain electricity laws. **Page S10173**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Frist Amendment No. 1432 (to instructions on motion to commit), to provide a national energy policy for the United States of America. **Page S10251**

Frist Amendment No. 1433 (to instructions on motion to commit), to provide that all provisions of Division A and Division B shall take effect one day after enactment of this Act. **Page S10251**

Frist Amendment No. 1434 (to Amendment No. 1433), to make a technical correction. **Page S10252**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the pending motion to commit (listed above) and, in

accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, August 1, 2003. **Page S10252**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, July 31, 2003. **Page S10252**

**Nomination Considered:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S10196–S10203**

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

By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 312), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the seventh motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Nomination:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Carolyn B. Kuhl, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth 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 Friday, August 1, 2003. **Page S10252**

**Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, at 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 31, 2003, with a vote on the motion to close further debate to occur at 10 a.m. **Page S10252**

**Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act House Message—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 consideration of the House message on S. 3, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion; provided further, that the only motion in order be a motion to disagree to the House amendment to the Senate bill; that there be 8 hours of debate with respect to that motion, with the time equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Democratic Leaders or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to a vote on the motion to disagree; that upon disposition of that motion, the Senate agree to the request for a conference and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate with a ratio of 3–2. **Page S10459**

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

James Casey Kenny, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Ireland.

Pamela P. Willeford, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Cristina Beato, of New Mexico, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to the qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

George W. Miller, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for the term of fifteen years.

F. Dennis Saylor IV, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy. **Pages S10253–54**

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**Privilege of the Floor:** **Pages S10440–41**

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—315) **Pages S10188, S10203, S10215, S10216**

**Recess:** Senate met at 9 a.m., and recessed at 10:17 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 31, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S10253–53.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Lawrence Mohr, Jr., of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Department of Defense, and 1,293 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines.