

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S223–S264

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2024–2030, and S. Res. 291. **Page S247**

Measures Passed:

Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 291, to authorize testimony and legal representation in the case of *James McKoy v. North Fork Services/Joint Venture*. **Pages S262–63**

Pension Funding Equity Act—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3108, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S226–41**

Pending:

Grassley Amendment No. 2233, of a perfecting nature. **Page S226**

Kyl Amendment No. 2234 (to Amendment No. 2233), to limit the liability of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation with respect to a plan for which a reduced deficit contribution is elected. **Page S226**

Kyl Amendment No. 2236 (to Amendment No. 2233), to restrict an employer that elected an alternative deficit reduction contribution from applying for a funding waiver. **Page S235**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 27, 2004; further, that at 2:30 p.m., Senate will vote on Kyl Amendment No. 2234 (to Amendment No. 2233), listed above. **Page S263**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

James McBride, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2008.

Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

Jose Antonio Aponte, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007.

Sandra Frances Ashworth, of Idaho, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2004.

Edward Louis Bertorelli, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2005.

Carol L. Diehl, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2005.

Allison Druin, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2006.

Beth Fitzsimmons, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2006.

Patricia M. Hines, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2005.

Colleen Ellen Huebner, of Washington, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007.

Stephen M. Kennedy, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007.

Bridget L. Lamont, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2008.

Mary H. Perdue, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2008.

Herman Lavon Totten, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2008.

Drew R. McCoy, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison

Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term of six years.

Susan K. Sclafani, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education.

Laurie Susan Fulton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2007.

J. Robinson West, 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. **Pages S263–64**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Louis S. Thompson, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Kirk Van Tine, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

Peter Eide, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

Susanne T. Marshall, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Merit System Protection Board.

Neil McPhie, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2009.

James C. Miller III, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the term expiring December 8, 2010.

David B. Rivkin, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for the term expiring September 30, 2004. **Page S263**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 1 p.m., and adjourned at 5:52 p.m., until 12 noon, on Tuesday, January 27, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S263.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session today. It will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27 for morning-hour debate.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the current situation regarding the discovery of a case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in Washington State as it relates to food safety, livestock marketing, and international trade, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the CBO budget and economic outlook, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the stabilization and reconstruction of Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold a briefing on the status of the United Nations activities in Afghanistan, 11:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the fee structure of mutual funds that may lead to conflicts of interest, mislabeled costs and other practices in the industry that may be harmful to investors, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine health issues, 10:30 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine a proposed constitutional amendment to guarantee a functioning Congress, with respect to the continuity of the United States government, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine seaport security since September 11, 2001, 11:15 a.m., SD–226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine retirement planning, 10 a.m., SD–628.