

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S759–S955

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2058–2063. **Page S792**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1245, to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification. (S. Rept. No. 108–225) **Page S792**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 354, to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill S. 610. **Page S953**

SAFE Transportation Equity Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1072, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S760–81**

Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 2285, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S769**

Warner Modified Amendment No. 2286 (to Amendment No. 2285), to provide a highway safety improvement program that includes incentives to States to enact primary safety belt laws. **Pages S770, S954**

Withdrawn:

Dorgan Amendment No. 2276 (to the language proposed to be stricken by the committee amendment), to modify the penalty for nonenforcement of open container requirements. **Page S769**

Modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S769**

During consideration of this measure today, the following actions also occurred:

Dorgan Amendment No. 2267, to exempt certain agricultural producers from certain hazardous materials transportation requirements, fell when the modified committee amendment (listed above) was withdrawn. **Page S760**

Gregg Amendment No. 2268 (to Amendment No. 2267), to provide that certain public safety officials have the right to collective bargaining, fell

when the modified committee amendment (listed above) was withdrawn. **Page S760**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Inhofe Amendment No. 2285 (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 Thursday, February 12, 2004. **Page S769**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, February 12, 2004. **Page S781**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 11, 2004. **Page S954**

Appointments:

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the President Pro Tempore, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355 (a) (2), appointed Senator Sessions, from the Armed Services Committee, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy. **Pages S953–54**

Veteran's Disability Benefits Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–136, Title XV, Section 1501 (b)(1)(C), appointed the following individual to serve on the Veteran's Disability Benefits Commission: Vice Admiral Dennis Vincent McGinn. **Page S954**

Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–277, Section 710, 2(A)(ii), appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse: David C. Guth of Tennessee, vice June Martin Milam, term expired. **Page S954**

Measures Read First Time: **Pages S788, S953**

Petitions and Memorials: **Pages S788–92**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 11, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S954.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Department of Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army; Admiral Vernon E. Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; General Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and General John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

GSE'S

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposals for improving the regulatory regime of government sponsored enterprises (GSE's) and oversight, focusing on the application of federal securities law disclosure and reporting requirements to Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the federal home lone bands, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States; Alan L. Beller, Director, Division of Corporation Finance, U.S. Securities and

Exchange Commission, General Accounting Office; Richard S. Carnell, Fordham University School of Law, New York, New York; and James R. Rayburn, Jackson, Mississippi, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Kyle E. McSarrow, Deputy Secretary of Energy.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Samuel W. Bodman, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, who was accompanied by several of his associates; Richard B. Jones, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; and Paul A. Hayden, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Rick Surratt, Disabled American Veterans, Richard B. Fuller, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Peter S. Gaytan, American Legion, all of Washington, D.C.

ELDERCARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax relief strategies for eldercare, focusing on Senior Elder Care Relief and Empowerment (SECURE) Act, after receiving testimony from Sandra Markwood, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Flora Green, The Senior's Coalition, and Richard Teske, all of Washington, D.C.; Gail Gibson Hunt, National Alliance for Caregiving, Bethesda, Maryland; and Trudy Elliott, Coer d'Alene, Idaho.