

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity (current year-to-date).

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1901–S1945

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2147–2151. **Page S1933**

Measures Passed:

Read Across America Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 306, designating March 2, 2004, as “Read Across America Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1936**

Protection of Lawful Commerce In Arms Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1805, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1901–28**

Rejected:

By 28 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 23), Bingaman/Corzine Amendment No. 2635, to modify the definition of reasonably foreseeable. **Pages S1922–28**

Pending:

Hatch (for Campbell) Amendment No. 2623, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns. **Page S1901**

Kennedy Amendment No. 2619, to expand the definition of armor piercing ammunition and to require the Attorney General to promulgate standards for the uniform testing of projectiles against body armor. **Page S1901**

Craig (for Frist/Craig) Amendment No. 2625, to regulate the sale and possession of armor piercing ammunition. **Page S1901**

Levin Amendment No. 2631, to exempt any civil action against a person from the provisions of the

bill if the gross negligence or reckless conduct of the person proximately caused death or injury.

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Warner Amendment No. 2624, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system. **Page S1901**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 2632, to require that certain notifications occur whenever a query to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System reveals that a person listed in the Violent Gang and Terrorist Organization File is attempting to purchase a firearm. **Page S1901**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 2633, to exempt lawsuits involving injuries to children from the definition of qualified civil liability action. **Page S1901**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, the time from 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; that the time from 11:15 until 11:25 a.m. be under the control of the Democratic Leader or his designee; and further, that the time from 11:25 a.m. until 11:35 a.m. be under the control of the Majority Leader or his designee. **Pages S1936–37**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, with certain amendments to be proposed thereto, and votes to occur on certain pending amendments, beginning at 11:35 a.m., followed by a vote on final passage of the bill. **Pages S1936–37**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2004 National Drug Control Strategy; to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–67) **Page S1931**

Appointments:

Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 93–642, appointed Senator Baucus to be a member of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees, vice Senator Murray. **Page S1936**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ann R. Klee, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army. **Page S1945**

Messages From the House: **Page S1931**

Executive Communications: **Pages S1931–33**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S1936**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S1936**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—23) **Page S1928**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:21 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 2, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1937.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Dov Zakheim, Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller; and Lieutenant General James E. Cartwright, Director of Force Structure, Resources and Assessment (J8), The Joint Staff.

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine the integrity of federal employee retirement savings relating to the thrift savings plan, after receiving testimony from Alan D. Lebowitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Program Operations, Employee Benefits Security Administration; Andrew M. Saul, Chairman, and Gary A. Amelio, Executive Director, both of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; James M. Sauber, Chairman, Employee Thrift Advisory Council; and Blake R. Grossman, Barclays Global Investors, San Francisco, California.