

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2255–S2375

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2172–2176, and S. Con. Res. 96. **Page S2301**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, March 5, during the adjournment:

S. Con. Res. 95, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009. **Page S2301**

Measures Passed:

Commemorating First Meeting of Republican Party: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 96, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the first meeting of the Republican Party in Ripon, Wisconsin. **Pages S2364–65**

Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act: Senate passed S. 741, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal drugs, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2365–75**

Budget Resolution: Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 95, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009. **Pages S2256–94, S2375**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 9, 2004; provided further, that there be 40 hours equally divided remaining for debate under the statutory limit. **Page S2375**

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

Report to accompany the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington

on November 6, 2003, together with a Protocol and an exchange of notes (the “Convention”) (Treaty Doc. 108–14) (Ex. Rept. 108–9)

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the intent to enter into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the Government of Morocco; to the Committee on Finance. (PM–71) **Page S2299**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to the Congress on Implementation of Public Law 107–228 Authority for Russian Federation Debt Reduction for Nonproliferation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–72) **Page S2299**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Domingo S. Herraiz, of Ohio, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Michele M. Leonhart, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

LaFayette Collins, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas for the term of four years.

Ronald J. Tenpas, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois for a term of four years. **Pages S2364, S2375**

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Text of H.R. 1047, as Previously Passed: **Pages S2314–64**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 9, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2375.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

2005 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: On Thursday, March 4, Committee ordered favorably reported an original concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 95) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mark B. McClellan, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, who was introduced by Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Brian Carlton Roseboro, of New Jersey, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, Donald L. Korb, of Ohio, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, and Mark J. Warshawsky, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

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Measures Introduced: One public bill, H.R. 3913, was introduced. **Page H876**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H876**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 339, to prevent frivolous lawsuits against the manufacturers, distributors, or sellers of food or non-alcoholic beverage products that comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, amended (H. Rept. 108-432). **Pages H875-76**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Cole to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H873**

Senate Message: Message from the Senate appears today on page H873.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no votes or quorum calls today.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—ENSURING SAFE DRINKING WATER

Committee on Government Reform: On March 5, the Committee held a hearing entitled "Public Confidence, Down the Drain: The Federal Role in Ensuring Safe Drinking Water in the District of Co-

lumbia." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Benjamin H. Grumbles, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water; and Donald S. Welsh, Regional Administrator, Region III; Thomas P. Jacobus, General Manager, Washington Aqueduct, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Glenn S. Gerstell, Chairman, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority; and public witnesses.

IRAQI WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: On March 5, the Committee met in executive session to hold a hearing on Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Joint Economic Committee: On Friday, March 5, Committee concluded hearings to examine the employment situation for February 2004, focusing on economic growth, business activity in the manufacturing and service industries, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), job creation and loss, and discouraged workers—those who have stopped seeking work because of discouragement over their job prospects, after receiving testimony from Kathleen P. Utgoff, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.