

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2377–S2464

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2177–2186, S. Res. 312–316, and S. Con. Res. 97. **Page S2440**

Measures Reported:

S. 1601, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to provide for the reporting and reduction of child abuse and family violence incidences on Indian reservations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–228)

S. 213, to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–229)

S. 524, to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–230)

S. 943, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into 1 or more contracts with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–231)

S. 960, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize certain projects in the State of Hawaii and to amend the Hawaii Water Resources Act of 2000 to modify the water resources study, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–232)

S. 1107, to enhance the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program for the National Park Service, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–233)

S. 1167, to resolve the boundary conflicts in Barry and Stone Counties in the State of Missouri, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–234)

S. 1516, to further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, act-

ing through the commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to assess potential increases in water availability for Bureau of Reclamation projects and other uses through control of salt cedar and Russian olive, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute (S. Rept. No. 108–235)

S. 1576, to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. (S. Rept. No. 108–236)

S. 1577, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming. (S. Rept. No. 108–237)

S. 1848, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the, Bend Pine Nursery Administration Site in the State of Oregon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–238)

S. 2178, to make technical corrections to laws relating to certain units of the National Park System and to National Park programs. (S. Rept. No. 108–239)

H.R. 408, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. (S. Rept. No. 108–240)

H.R. 417, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California. (S. Rept. No. 108–241)

H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes. (S. Rept. No. 108–242)

H.R. 856, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas. (S. Rept. No. 108–243)

H.R. 1598, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California. (S. Rept. No. 108–244) **Page S2439**

Measures Passed:

Commending Initial Responders: Senate agreed to S. Res. 312, commending the bravery of the initial responders in the Baltimore Harbor water taxi accident of March 6, 2004. **Pages S2403–04**

Commemorating the Late President of Macedonia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 314, commemorating and honoring President Boris Trajkovski. **Pages S2456–57**

International Women's Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 315, designating March 8, 2004, as "International Women's Day". **Pages S2457–59**

Financial Literacy Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 316, designating April 2004 as "Financial Literacy Month". **Pages S2459–61**

Child Abuse Awareness: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 299, recognizing, and supporting efforts to enhance the public awareness of, the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2461**

Greek Independence Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 308, designating March 25, 2004, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2461**

Budget Resolution: Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2377–S2403, S2404–23**

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 33), Conrad Amendment No. 2704, to establish a 60-vote point of order against the consideration of any direct spending or revenue legislation that would increase the on-budget deficit in any fiscal year until the budget is balanced without counting Social Security surpluses. **Pages S2384–S2403, S2404–07**

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 34), Daschle Amendment No. 2710, to create a reserve fund to allow for an increase in Veterans' medical care by \$2.7 billion and lower the national debt by reducing the President's tax breaks for taxpayers with incomes in excess of \$1 million a year. **Pages S2411–23**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 10, 2004; provided further, that there be 27 hours equally divided remaining for debate under the statutory limit. **Page S2462**

Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Taxation Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 108–14). **Pages S2461–62**

Petitions and Memorials: **Pages S2435–39**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S2456**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S2456**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—34) **Pages S2407, S2423**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 10, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2462.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: BORDER AND TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for border and transportation security, after receiving testimony from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Border and Transportation Security.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary of Transportation.

WORLDWIDE THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing in open and closed sessions to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony