

Daily Digest

Senate

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Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2218–2222, S.J. Res. 30, and S. Res. 322. **Pages S2859–60**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Thursday, March 18, during the adjournment:

Report to accompany S. 1172, to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity prevention. (S. Rept. No. 108–245)

S. 2096, to promote a free press and open media through the National Endowment for Democracy and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 108–246)

S. 2127, to build operational readiness in civilian agencies. (S. Rept. No. 108–247)

S. 2144, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2005, for the Peace Corps for fiscal year 2005 through 2007, for foreign assistance programs for fiscal year 2005, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–248) **Page S2859**

Measures Passed:

The Garden Club of America: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 97, recognizing the 91st annual meeting of The Garden Club of America, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2936**

Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1637, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2842–53**

Adopted:

Bunning Amendment No. 2686, to accelerate the phase-in of the deduction relating to income attributable to domestic production activities. **Pages S2842–52**

Grassley (for Bayh) Amendment No. 2687, to provide for the extension of certain expiring provisions. **Pages S2842–51**

Grassley (for Bunning) Amendment No. 2882 (to Amendment No. 2687), to provide for the extension of the special net operating loss carryover provision. **Pages S2851–52**

Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 2881, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify provisions relating to overtime pay. **Pages S2852–53**

McConnell Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith the following amendment: **Page S2853**

McConnell (for Frist) Amendment No. 2886, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2853**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to recommit to the Committee on Finance (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 Wednesday, March 24, 2004. **Page S2853**

Appointments:

Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People Around the Globe Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–199, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People Around the Globe Commission: Leo J. Hindery, Jr., of New York, and Gayle E. Smith, of Washington, D.C. **Page S2936**

Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–199, Section 104(c), 1(A), appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program: Ms. Christine Vick of Washington, D.C. **Page S2936**

Executive Reports of Committee:

The following executive reports of committee were submitted on Thursday, March 18, 2004, during the adjournment:

By Mr. Lugar, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Treaty Doc. 99–10 Income Tax Convention with Sri Lanka (Exec. Rept. No. 108–11)

Treaty Doc. 108–9 Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Sri Lanka (Exec. Rept. No. 108–11)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jonathan W. Dudas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Constance Berry Newman, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs).

Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

Thomas Neil Hull III, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone.

R. Niels Marquardt, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Roger A. Meece, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Lauren Moriarty, of Hawaii, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum.

Mitchell B. Reiss, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Northern Ireland.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Glen L. Bower, of Illinois, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years

after he takes office, which was sent to the Senate on January 7, 2003.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:54 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, March 23, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2937.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

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Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine certain criminal situations involving seniors with dementia, focusing on a recent tragedy in Ocala, Florida, involving the death of a senior citizen suffering from dementia and the killing of a local police officer, after receiving testimony from Commander Gary Gotham, USN, Woodbridge, Virginia; Donna Cohen, University of South Florida Department of Aging and Mental Health, Tampa; Max B. Rothman, Florida International University College of Health and Urban Affairs, Miami; and Constantine G. Lykesos, Johns Hopkins University and Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 393, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2004 and 2006 through 2009 (H. Rept. 108–441); and