

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2947–S3047*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2223–2228, and S. Res. 323. **Pages S2995–96**

**Measures Passed:**

**Legal Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 323, to authorize legal representation in *United States of America v. Elena Ruth Sassower*.

**Pages S3046–47**

**Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act:** Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2958–56**

Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 2881, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify provisions relating to overtime pay. **Page S2958**

McConnell Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith the following amendment: **Page S2958**

McConnell (for Frist) Amendment No. 2886, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2958**

Grassley Amendment No. 2898 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 2886) of the motion to recommit (listed above)), relative to the effective date following enactment of the Act. **Page S2958**

Grassley Amendment No. 2899 (to Amendment No. 2898), relative to the effective date following enactment of the Act. **Pages S2958–86**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, with a vote to occur on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance to occur at 11:30 a.m. **Page S3047**

**Appointments:**

**Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 94 (108th Congress), appointed the following Senators to the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Senators Frist, Lott, and Dodd. **Page S3046**

**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: Charles Joeckel of Washington, D.C. **Page S3046**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas Hill Moore, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2003. (Reappointment)

James Francis Moriarty, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal.

22 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S3047**

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Thomas Hill Moore, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2002. (Reappointment), which was sent to the Senate on March 11, 2004. **Page S3047**

**Executive Communications:** **Page S2995**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2996–97**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S2997–S3003**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2993–95**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S3003–45**

**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S3045–46**

**Privilege of the Floor:** **Page S3046**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 24, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3047.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine Alzheimer's disease support and research, focusing on the costs of care to families, government, and business, the biology of the disease, medical history, physical examinations, and mental status and neurological evaluations, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Sheldon Goldberg, Chicago, Illinois, Shelly Fabares, Studio City, California, and Dennis Kroucik, Cleveland, Ohio, all on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association; David Snowden, University of Kentucky Department of Neurology, Lexington; and Johnny Orr, West Des Moines, Iowa.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Transportation Security Administration and U.S. Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Admiral Thomas H. Collins, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, and Admiral David Stone, Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

### FBI

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the transformation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, focusing on information technology, management and training, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, both of the Department of Justice; Laurie E. Ekstrand, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, and Randolph C. Hite, Director, Information Technology Architecture and Systems Issues, both of the General Accounting Office.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005

for Department of Energy's Office of National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Linton F. Brooks, Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Administrator, Admiral Frank L. Bowman, USN, Director, Naval Reactors Program, U.S. Navy, Everet H. Beckner, Deputy Administrator, Office of Defense Programs, Paul M. Longworth, Deputy Administrator, Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on financial management, after receiving testimony from Dov S. Zakheim, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); and David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office.

### MUTUAL FUND INDUSTRY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, focusing on fund operations and governance, after receiving testimony from Mercer E. Bullard, University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford, on behalf of Fund Democracy; William D. Lutz, Rutgers University, Camden, New Jersey; Robert C. Pozen, Harvard Law School, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of Massachusetts Financial Services Investment Management; and Barbara Roper, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.

### RAIL SECURITY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine rail and mass transit security, focusing on efforts by the Federal, State and local governments and transit and rail operators to respond to vulnerabilities in rail and transit systems to improve security against further terrorist attacks, after receiving testimony from Senators Carper and Biden; Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Border and Transportation Security; Allan Rutter, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, and Robert Jamison,