

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3049–S3117*

**Measures Introduced:** Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2229–2230. **Page S3096**

#### Measures Passed:

**Oceans and Human Health Act:** Senate passed S. 1218, to provide for Presidential support and coordination of interagency ocean science programs and development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research and monitoring program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3110–15**

Frist (for Hollings) Amendment No. 2933, to revise the interagency oceans and human health research program provisions of the reported bill. **Page S3115**

**International Fisheries Reauthorization Act:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2584, to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3115–16**

Frist (for Collins) Amendment No. 2934, to repeal section 105 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004. **Page S3115**

Frist (for McCain) Amendment No. 2935, to provide for implementation of the Pacific Albacore Tuna Treaty. **Page S3116**

**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 S3060–92**

#### Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 2881, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify provisions relating to overtime pay. **Page S3060**

McConnell Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith the following amendment: **Page S3060**

McConnell (for Frist) Amendment No. 2886, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3060**

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 S3060**

Grassley Amendment No. 2926 (to Amendment No. 2898), relative to the effective date following enactment of the Act. **Page S3061**

Frist motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on McConnell Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance (listed above) failed. **Page S3066**

#### Withdrawn:

Grassley Amendment No. 2899 (to Amendment No. 2898), relative to the effective date following enactment of the Act. **Page S3060**

Grassley (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 2888 (to Amendment No. 2898), to allow a deduction for State and local sales taxes in lieu of State and local income taxes. **Pages S3060–61**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 60), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on McConnell Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance (listed above). **Page S3066**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate resumes consideration of the bill, no second degree amendments be in order to the pending Harkin Amendment No. 2881 (listed above), prior to a vote in relation to the amendment.

**Unborn Victims of Violence Act—Agreement:** Pursuant to the order of March 12, 2004, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1997, to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code

of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 25, 2004. **Page S3116**

**Messages From the House:** **Pages S3094–95**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S3097–S3100**

**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S3100–01**

**Privilege of the Floor:** **Page S3101**

**Text of S. Con. Res. 95, as Previously Agreed To:** **Pages S3101–10**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—60) **Page S3066**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 25, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S3116–17.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ANIMAS-LA PLATA PROJECT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine the cost estimate to complete the Bureau of Reclamation's Animas-La Plata Project designed to divert, pump, store, and convey water from the Animas River at Durango, Colorado to provide water for both Indian and non-Indian municipal and industrial uses in Colorado and New Mexico, after receiving testimony from Bennett W. Raley, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and William E. Rinne, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior; Howard Richards, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, Colorado; Selwyn Whiteskunk, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Towaoc, Colorado; Richard K. (Mike) Griswold, Animas-La Plata Water Conservancy District, Durango, Colorado; and L. Randy Kirkpatrick, San Juan Water Commission, Farmington, New Mexico.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of the Air Force, after receiving testimony from James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force; and General

John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on strategic forces and capabilities, after receiving testimony from Linton F. Brooks, Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Admiral James O. Ellis, Jr., USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and future years defense program, focusing on Navy and Air Force aviation programs, after receiving testimony from John J. Young, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition; Marvin R. Sambur, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; Vice Admiral John B. Nathman, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfare Requirements and Programs; Lieutenant General Michael A. Hough, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and Lieutenant General Ronald E. Keys, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

### REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL REGULATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded a hearing to examine the current status of the real estate appraisal industry, and its Federal and State oversight and regulation, focusing on certain private entities as outlined in Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, that establish uniform rules for real estate appraisals and set minimum criteria for certifying appraisers, after receiving testimony from David G. Wood, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, General Accounting Office; Steven D. Fritts, Associate Director Risk Management/Examination Support, Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, on behalf of Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council; David S. Bunton, The Appraisal Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Charles Clark, Georgia Real Estate Commission, Atlanta, on behalf of Georgia Real Estate Appraisers Board; Alan E. Hummel, Iowa Residential Appraisal Company, Des Moines, on behalf of Appraisal Institute; and