

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2231, Welfare Reform Extension Act.

Senate passed H.R. 1997, Unborn Victims of Violence Act.

Senate passed H.R. 3626, Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 393, Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2005.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3119–S3198

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2231–2240, and S. Res. 324. **Page S3180**

Measures Passed:

Welfare Reform Extension Act: Senate passed S. 2231, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2004. **Pages S3120–21**

Unborn Victims of Violence Act: By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 63), Senate passed 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, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto, clearing the measure for the President: **Pages S3124–67**

Rejected:

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 61), Feinstein Amendment No. 2858, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3125–51**

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

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 62), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 505 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Murray Amendment No. 2859, to provide for domestic violence prevention. Subsequently, the point of order, that the amendment would cause an increase in the deficit in excess of the levels permitted and thus be in violation of section 505 of H. Con. Res. 95 of the

108th Congress, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Pages S3151–64**

Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 3926, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3172**

Welfare Reauthorization Bill—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Monday, March 29, 2004, at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 4, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care. **Page S3120**

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their 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 resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Sri Lanka (Treaty Doc. 108–9) **Pages S3197–98**

Income Tax Convention With Sri Lanka (Treaty Doc. 99–10) **Pages S3197–98**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the President's intent to enter into a free trade agreement with the Government of the Dominican Republic; to the Committee on Finance. (PM–74)

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Messages From the House:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—63)	Page S3151, S3164, S3167

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, March 26, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3198.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Gale A. Norton, Secretary, and Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, both of the Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS: EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Depart-

ment of State, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on the role of U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Special Operations Command in defending the homeland and in the global war on terrorism, after receiving testimony from Thomas W. O'Connell, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict; Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense; General Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, U.S. Air Force; General Bryan D. Brown, USA, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, U.S. Army.

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 national security space programs and management, after receiving testimony from Peter B. Teets, Under Secretary of the Air Force, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; Admiral James O. Ellis, Jr., USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command, U.S. Navy; General Lance W. Lord, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command, U.S. Air Force; and Vice Admiral Arthur K. Cebrowski, USN (Ret.), Director, Office of Force Transformation, U.S. Navy.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on certain measures to address repetitive loss properties, after receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Representatives Bereuter and Blumenauer; Anthony Lowe, Federal Insurance Administrator and Mitigation Division Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, General Accounting Office; William Stiglitz III, Hyland,