

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3315–S3388

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2255–2261. **Pages S3366–67**

Measures Passed:

Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act: Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the United States Coast Guard, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Alexander (for McCain) Amendment No. 2954, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3387**

Alexander (for McCain) Amendment No. 2955, to amend the title. **Page S3387**

Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators McCain, Stevens, Lott, Hutchison, Snowe, Hollings, Inouye, Breaux, and Wyden; and from the Committee on Environment and Public Works: Senators Inhofe and Jeffords. **Page S3387**

Welfare Reform Reauthorization: Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3324–45**

Adopted:

By 78 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 64), Grassley (for Snowe) Amendment No. 2937, to provide additional funding for child care. **Pages S3334–35**

Pending:

Boxer/Kennedy Amendment No. 2945, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage. **Pages S3336–45**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute and, in accordance with the provisions of

Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, April 1, 2004. **Page S3388**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill following the appointment of conferees to the House Message to accompany S. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, on Wednesday, March 31, 2004. **Page S3388**

Budget Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 31, 2004, Senate will consider the House Message to accompany 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, with 90 minutes for debate; following the use or yielding back of time, Senate disagree to the amendment of the House, agree to the request for a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S3388**

Appointments:

HELP Around the Globe Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–199, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission: Eric G. Postel of Wisconsin. **Pages S3387–88**

HELP Around the Globe Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–199, Title VI, Section 637, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission: Michael A. Ledeen of Maryland. **Pages S3387–88**

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: William E. Troutt of Tennessee. **Page S3388**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. **Page S3388**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—64) **Pages S3334–35**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 31, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3388.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DC YOUTH ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the deficiencies at the District of Columbia's Youth Services Administration, after receiving testimony from Austin A. Andersen, Interim Inspector General; Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., Director, Public Defender Service; Robert C. Bobb, City Administrator and Deputy Mayor; and Eugene N. Hamilton, Chair, Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth Safety and Juvenile Justice Reform, all of the government of the District of Columbia.

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Defense-wide and Air Force military construction programs, after receiving testimony from Raymond F. Dubois, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Installations and Environment; Nelson F. Gibbs, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment, and Logistics; Major General L. Dean Fox,

USAF, Air Force Civil Engineer, U.S. Air Force; Brigadier General David A. Brubaker, USAF, Deputy Director, Air National Guard, U.S. Air Force; Brigadier General William M. Rajczak, USAF, Deputy to the Chief of Air Force Reserve, U.S. Air Force.

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 border security and enforcement and immigration services, after receiving testimony from Robert C. Bonner, Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection; Michael J. Garcia, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

IRAQ SURVEY GROUP

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine the second interim report of the Iraq Survey Group, after receiving testimony from Charles A. Duelfer, Special Advisor to the Director of Central Intelligence for Strategy Regarding Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction Programs; and Major General Keith W. Dayton, USA, Commander, Iraq Survey Group.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005 and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Army aviation programs, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Richard A. Cody, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, U.S. Army; Major General Joseph L. Bergantz, USA, Program Executive Officer for Aviation, U.S. Army; and Brigadier General Edward J. Sinclair, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Aviation Center and Fort Rucker.

MILITARY OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on operations and intelligence from Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense; and General Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2238, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which