

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported seven sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3389–S3517*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2262–2267, and S. Res. 326. **Pages S3455–56**

#### Measures Passed:

**Professional Boxing Amendments Act:** Senate passed S. 275, to amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, and to establish the United States Boxing Administration, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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**Frist (for McCain) Amendment No. 3006, in the nature of a substitute.** **Page S3510**

**Budget Resolution—House Message:** Senate began consideration of 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, and took the following action:

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Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House, agreed to the request for a conference with the House, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Nickles, Domenici, Grassley, Gregg, Conrad, Hollings, and Sarbanes. **Page S3407**

**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:

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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.**

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 1, 2004, provided that there be 60 minutes of debate equally divided, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, to occur at approximately 11:30 a.m. **Page S3515**

**Treaty Approved:** The following treaty having passed through its 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 resolution of ratification was agreed to:

The Protocol to the Agreement of the International Atomic Energy Agency Regarding Safeguards in the United States (Treaty Doc. 107–7), with 2 conditions and 8 understandings.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Alphonso R. Jackson, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

28 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 1, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3515.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### 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 the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, and Office of Environment, Safety and Health, after receiving testimony from Jessie Hill Roberson, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, Margaret Chu, Director, Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, and Beverly Cook, Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, all of the Department of Energy.

### APPROPRIATIONS: INTELLIGENCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and world wide threat assessment, after receiving testimony from George Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

### APPROPRIATIONS: SAA/CAPITOL POLICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the U.S. Capitol Police and the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, after receiving testimony from Terrance W. Gainer, Chief, United States Capitol Police; and William H. Pickle, Senate Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper; and W. Wilson Livingood, Chairman, United States Capitol Police Board.

### DEFENSE: AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on active and Reserve military and civilian personnel programs, after receiving testimony from Thomas F. Hall, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs; Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, ARNG, Chief, National Guard Bureau, Army National Guard; Lieutenant General Roger C. Schultz, ARNG, Director, Army National Guard; Lieutenant General Daniel James III, ANG, Director, Air National Guard; Lieutenant General James R. Helmly,

USAR, Chief, Army Reserve; Vice Admiral John G. Cotton, USNR, Chief, Naval Reserve; Lieutenant General Dennis M. McCarthy, USMCR, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve; and Lieutenant General James E. Sherrard III, USAFR, Chief, Air Force Reserve.

### TANKER AIRCRAFT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the acquisition of the Boeing KC-767A tanker aircraft from Joseph E. Schmitz, Inspector General, Henry Kleinknecht, Program Director, Contract Audits, John F. Meling, Program Director, Acquisition Audits, Francis E. Reardon, Deputy Inspector General for Auditing, and David K. Steensma, Director, Contract Management Directorate, all of the Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense.

### MUTUAL FUND INDUSTRY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee continued hearings to examine the current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, focusing on soft-dollar practices, after receiving testimony from Harold S. Bradley, American Century Investments, Kansas City, Missouri; Geoffrey I. Edelstein, Westcap Investors, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of Investment Counsel Association of America, Inc.; Howard M. Schilit, Center for Financial Research and Analysis, Rockville, Maryland; Grady G. Thomas, Jr., The Interstate Group, Division of Morgan Keegan and Company, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; and Benn Steil, Council on Foreign Relations, and Joseph M. Velli, The Bank of New York, both of New York, New York.

### MUTUAL FUND INDUSTRY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee continued a hearing to examine the current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, focusing on fund costs and distribution practices, receiving testimony from Senators Fitzgerald, Collins, Levin, and Akaka; Paul G. Haaga, Jr., Capital Research and Management Company, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the Investment Company Institute; Mark Treanor, Wachovia Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina, on behalf of the Financial Services Roundtable; Chet Helck, Raymond James Financial, Inc., St. Petersburg, Florida; Thomas O. Putnam, Fenimore Asset Management, Inc., Cobleskill, New York; and Edward A.H. Siedle, Benchmark Financial Services, Inc./Benchmark Companies, Ocean Ridge, Florida.

Committee recessed subject to the call.