

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

- The House passed H.R. 3550, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users.
- The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3108, Pension Funding Equity Act of 2003.
- The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 404, providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3599–S3622

Measures Introduced: Two resolutions were submitted, as follows: S. Res. 329–330. **Page S3605**

Measures Passed:

Ricin Claims Authorization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 329, authorizing the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate to ascertain and settle claims arising out of the discovery of lethal ricin powder in the Senate Complex. **Page S3610**

Standards Development Organization Advancement Act: Senate passed H.R. 1086, to encourage the development and promulgation of voluntary consensus standards by providing relief under the anti-trust laws to standards development organizations with respect to conduct engaged in for the purpose of developing voluntary consensus standards, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3610–19**

McConnell (for Hatch/Leahy) Amendment No. 3010, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3619**

Pregnancy and Trauma Care Access Protection Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2207, to improve women's access to health care services, and the access of all individuals to emergency and trauma care services, by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of such services. **Pages S3599–S3600**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII

of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, April 7, 2004. **Pages S3599–S3600, S3609**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S3600**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S3605**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S3605–07**

Additional Statements: **Pages S3604–05**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S3607–09**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S3609**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 11:24 a.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, April 5, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3619.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded open and closed hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on the Department of Defense Counternarcotics Program, after receiving testimony from Thomas W. O'Connell, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict; Rear Admiral Bruce W. Clingan, USN, Deputy Director of Operations, U.S. Central Command; and Brigadier General Benjamin R. Mixon, USA, Director for Operations, U.S. Southern Command.