

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3735–S3868

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2284–2289, and S. Res. 332. **Page S3791**

Pregnancy and Trauma Care Access Protection Act: Senate resumed 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 S3742–84**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 10:45 a.m., on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon, to occur at 2:15 p.m. **Page S3862**

Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further 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, on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, immediately following and notwithstanding the result of the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 2207 (listed above). **Page S3862**

Appointments:

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: Steve K. Berry of Washington, D.C. **Pages S3861–62**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael H. Watson, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S3862–68**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 6:29 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Wednesday, April 7, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3862.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Anthony Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Water concluded a hearing to examine S. 1366, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to State and tribal governments to assist State and tribal efforts to manage and control the spread of chronic wasting disease in deer and elk herds, after receiving testimony from John Clifford, Associate Deputy Administrator for National Animal Health Policy and Programs, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant

Health Inspection Services, Department of Agriculture; Charles G. Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Russell George, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Denver; Gary J. Taylor, International Association of Fish and

Wildlife Agencies, Washington, D.C.; Jack Walther, Elko, Nevada, on behalf of the American Veterinary Medical Association; and Gary J. Wolfe, Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance, Missoula, Montana.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 361, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, it stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2004.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D347)

H.R. 254, to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank. Signed on April 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–215).

H.R. 3926, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation. Signed on April 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–216).

H.R. 4062, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through June 4, 2004. Signed on April 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–217).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for National Guard and Reserve programs, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine tax law en-

forcement and information technology challenges at the Internal Revenue Service, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Army and Navy military construction programs, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for certain Department of Agriculture programs, 3:30 p.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on defense intelligence programs and lessons learned in recent military operations, 10 a.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the National Bank Preemption Rules, 2 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine near earth objects, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries and Coast Guard, to hold an oversight hearing to examine U.S. Coast Guard activities, 2:30 p.m., SR–428A.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 1814, to transfer federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, S. 441, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouses in that county, proposed legislation, to designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia, and the nominations of Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, Ann R. Klee, of Virginia, and Benjamin Grumbles, of Virginia, each to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Charles Johnson, of Utah, to be Chief Financial Officer, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Gary Lee Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 2 p.m., S–128, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the detection of lead in District of Columbia drinking water, focusing on needed improvements in public communications and the status of short- and long-term solutions, 2:30 p.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine strategies to improve access to Medicaid home and community based services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the United Nations oil-for-food program, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine fighting HIV/AIDS in Africa; to be followed by a nominations hearing, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to resume hearings to examine U.S. Postal Service reform issues, focusing on the chairmen's perspective on governance and rate-setting, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine S. 346, to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to establish a governmentwide policy requiring competition in certain executive agency procurements, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1955, to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, and S. 1529, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to include provisions relating to the payment and administration of gaming fees, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine a proposal to split the Ninth Circuit, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine crude oil relating to higher gas prices, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:45 a.m., Wednesday, April 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, April 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:45 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2207, Pregnancy and Trauma Care Protection Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon to occur at 2:15 p.m.; following which, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1637, Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Frist Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions.

(On Wednesday, Senate will recess from 12:45 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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