

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4171–S4236

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2325–2333, and S.J. Res. 33. **Page S4225**

Asbestos Litigation: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2290, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure. **Pages S4184–S4218, S4233**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 22, 2004, with 60 minutes for debate, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to occur at approximately 11:30 a.m. **Page S4233**

Crime Victims' Rights—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if cloture is not invoked on S. 2290 (listed above), Senate begin consideration of S. 2329, to protect crime victims' rights; that the bill be held at the desk; that there be no amendments in order to the bill; and that there be two hours for debate, followed by a vote on final passage of the bill. **Page S4233**

Crime Victims' Rights Constitutional Amendment—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, scheduled to occur on Thursday, April 22, 2004, was vitiated. **Page S4233**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. **Page S4233**

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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 22, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4233.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for foreign assistance, including counterterrorism programs, after receiving testimony from Ambassador J. Cofer Black, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; and Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Romolo A. Bernardi, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Schumer and Representative Walsh, Dennis C. Shea, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, who was introduced by Senator Warner and former Senator Dole, and Cathy M. MacFarlane, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary