

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4383-S4443*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2350-2352, S. Res. 343, and S. Con. Res. 100. **Page S4428**

#### Measures Passed:

**INTELSAT IPO Extension:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 2315, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to extend the deadline for the INTELSAT initial public offering, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4443**

**Internet Tax Non-Discrimination Act:** Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 150, to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, and then began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S4390-96, S4397-S4402, S4402-22**

#### Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 3048, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4402-22**

Daschle Amendment No. 3050 (to the language of the bill proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3048), to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply, to increase production and use of renewable fuel, and to increase the Nation's energy independence. **Pages S4406-22**

Domenici Amendment No. 3051 (to Amendment No. 3050), to enhance energy conservation and research and development and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people. **Pages S4413-22**

#### Rejected:

Hutchison Amendment No. 3049 (to Amendment No. 3048), to change the definition of Internet access service. (By 64 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 72), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4404-06**

#### Withdrawn:

McCain Amendment No. 2136, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4402**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Stabenow Amendment No. 2141 (to Amendment No. 2136), to express the sense of the Senate that the White House and all Executive Branch agencies should respond promptly and completely to all requests by Members of Congress of both parties for information about public expenditures, fell when McCain Amendment No. 2136 (listed above) was withdrawn. **Page S4402**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Daschle Amendment No. 3050 (listed above) 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 29, 2004. **Pages S4406, S4422**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Domenici Amendment No. 3051 (listed above) 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 29, 2004. **Page S4422**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McCain Amendment No. 3048 (listed above) 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 29, 2004. **Page S4422**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 28, 2004. **Page S4443**

#### Appointments:

**Commission on Review of Overseas Military Facility Structure of the United States:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108-132, Section 128, appointed the following individual to the Commission on Review of Overseas Military Facility Structure of the United States: Admiral Thomas Lopez of Virginia. **Page S4443**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S4428**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S4428**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today.  
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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 8:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 28, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4443.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Tina Westby Jonas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Dionel M. Aviles, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and Jerald S. Paul, of Florida, to be Principal Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee held a hearing to examine telecommunications policy, focusing on lessons learned from the Telecommunications Act of 1996, including opening the telephone exchange market to competition, after receiving testimony from David Dorman, AT&T Corporation, Bedminster, New Jersey; Richard C. Notebaert, Qwest Communications, Denver, Colorado; and James Geiger, Cbeyond Communications, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Association for Local Telecommunications Services.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

### INTERNATIONAL SPACE EXPLORATION PROGRAM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space held a hearing to examine International Space Exploration Program, focusing on competition and cooperation in the space exploration arena globally, receiving testimony from Marcia S. Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecommunications Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Sven Grahn, Swedish Space Corporation, Solna, Sweden; John M. Logsdon, George Washington University Elliot School of International Affairs, Washington, D.C.;

and James Oberg, Soaring Hawk Productions, Dickinson, Texas.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

### ELECTRICITY GENERATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine sustainable, low emission, electricity generation, focusing on clean coal, wind, geothermal, and solar energy technologies, biomass, and nuclear waste management, after receiving testimony from David K. Garman, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Richard E. Smalley, Rice University, Houston, Texas; Ernest J. Moniz, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Laboratory for Energy and the Environment, Cambridge; Francis P. Burke, CONSOL Energy, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Mining Association.

### NATIONAL PARKS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1064, to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, S. 1092, to authorize the establishment of a national database for purposes of identifying, locating, and cataloging the many memorials and permanent tributes to America's veterans, S. 1748, to establish a program to award grants to improve and maintain sites honoring Presidents of the United States, S. 2046, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park, S. 2052, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail, and S. 2319, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project, after receiving testimony from Senators DeWine and Hutchison; Paul Hoffman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks; J. Mark Robinson, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Kathy Copeland, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach; Brian Rooney, Remembering Veterans Who Earned Their Stripes, Northridge, California; Richard Moe, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C.; Randall M. Overbey, Alcoa, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee; Faye Phillips, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; John L. Nau III, Texas Historical Commission, Houston, Texas on behalf of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

### INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND PHARMACEUTICALS

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on International Trade and Subcommittee on Health Care held a joint hearing to examine international trade and