

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House committees ordered reported 26 sundry measures.

The House passed H.R. 4227, Middle-Class Alternative Tax Relief Act of 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4853–S4930

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2383–2389, and S. Res. 352. Pages S4910–11

Measures Reported:

S. 2386, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. Page S4910

Measures Passed:

Remembrance of World War II Veterans Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 34, designating May 29, 2004, on the occasion of the dedication of the National World War II Memorial, as Remembrance of World War II Veterans Day, and the joint resolution was then passed. Pages S4921–22

Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act: Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S4861–97

Adopted:

By 76 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 84), Allard Amendment No. 3118, to provide for a brownfields demonstration program for qualified green building and sustainable design projects. Pages S4882, S4894–95

Rejected:

By 31 yeas to 68 nays (Vote No. 81), Breaux Amendment No. 3117, to limit the amount of de-

ferred foreign income that can be repatriated at a lower rate. Pages S4861–68, S4883–85

By 22 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 82), Graham (FL) Amendment No. 3112, to strike the deduction relating to income attributable to United States production activities and the international tax provisions and allow a credit for manufacturing wages.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 3110, to provide for the taxation of income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property. (By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 83), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Cantwell/Voinovich Amendment No. 3114, to extend the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002. Page S4861

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Thursday, May 6, 2004. Page S4922

Appointments:

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed the following Senator as a member of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the Second Session of the 108th Congress: Senator Bingaman. Page S4921

NATO Parliamentary Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928–1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the Second Session of the 108th Congress: Senators Hollings and Miller. Page S4921

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

A. Paul Anderson, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2007.

Paul V. Applegarth, of Connecticut, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation. (New Position)

Joseph E. Brennan, of Maine, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2008. (Reappointment)

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—84) Pages S4884, S4885, S4994, S4995

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 6, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4922.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for defense-related programs, after receiving testimony from numerous public witnesses.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to mark up proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on tomorrow.

STEROID USE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held a closed hearing to examine the use of steroids by United States Olympic Athletes, receiving testimony from Terrence P. Madden, United States Anti-Doping Agency, and William C. Martin, United States Olympic Committee, both of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Donald Catlin, University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine Department of Pharmacology, Los Angeles.

Hearing recessed subject to the call of the chair.

SPACE LAUNCH CAPABILITIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded a hearing to examine the space shuttle and the future of space launch, focusing on the International Space Station, defense launch systems, the civil and commercial perspectives, expendable versus reusable launch vehicles, and ensuring fairness in contracting, after receiving testimony from William F. Readdy, Associate Administrator for Space Flight, and Rear Admiral Craig E. Steidle, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Associate Administrator for Exploration Systems, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Michael Kahn, ATK Thiokol Inc., Brigham City, Utah; John C. Karas, Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, Denver, Colorado; Robert A. Hickman, Aerospace Corporation, Arlington, Virginia; and Elon Musk, Space Exploration Technologies Corporation, El Segundo, California.