

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages **S5503–S5557**

Measures Introduced: Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2426–2429, and S. Con. Res. 109–111. **Page S5535**

Measures Passed:

National Safety Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 331, designating June 2004 as “National Safety Month”. **Page S5554**

Honoring “Rosie the Riveter”: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 103, honoring the contribution of the women, symbolized by “Rosie the Riveter”, who served on the homefront during World War II, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5554**

Department of Defense Authorization Act: Senate began consideration of S. 2400, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 82 yeas and 0 nays (Vote No. 95), Hutchison Amendment No. 3152, to authorize medical and dental care for cadets and midshipmen, and to authorize disability benefits for cadets and midshipmen of the service academies. **Pages S5524–27, S5529**

Pending:

Lautenberg Amendment No. 3151, to clarify the application of Presidential action under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

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Service Medals Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:45 a.m., on Tuesday, May 18, 2004, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3104, to provide for the establishment of separate campaign medals to be awarded to members of the uniformed services who participate in Operation Enduring Freedom and to mem-

bers of the uniformed services who participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and that there be 20 minutes for debate and Senate then vote on final passage of the bill.

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Burma; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–77) **Pages S5531–32**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael H. Schneider, Sr., of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Christopher William Dell, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Nadine Hogan, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2008.

Jack Vaughn, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring September 20, 2006.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Public Health Service.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—95)	Page S5529

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:13 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, May 18, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on Page S5555.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's recent rule affects retiree health benefits, focusing on the Commission's decision to permit employers to remain in compliance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) when coordinating retiree health benefits provided with Medicare eligibility, after receiving testimony from Leslie E. Silverman, Commissioner, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Patricia Neuman, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Erik D. Olsen, AARP, Andrew J. Imparato, American Association of People with Disabilities, and James A. Klein, American Benefits Council, all of Washington, D.C.; and Bruce Meredith, Wisconsin in Education Association Council, Madison.

House of Representatives

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Measures Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 4370–4377; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 427–428, and H. Res. 643–645 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Page H3094

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on Friday, May 14: H.R. 2432, to amend the Paperwork Reduction Act and titles 5 and 31, United States Code, to reform Federal paperwork and regulatory processes, amended (H. Rept. 108–490, Pt. 1);

Filed on Friday, May 14: H.R. 4200, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2005, amended (H. Rept. 108–491);

Supplemental report on H.R. 2432, to amend the Paperwork Reduction Act and titles 5 and 31, United States Code, to reform Federal paperwork and regulatory processes (H. Rept. 108–490, Pt. 2);

H.R. 2201, 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 (H. Rept. 108–492, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3768, to expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida, amended (H. Rept. 108–493);

H.R. 3505, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to specify the recipients and consideration for conveyance of the Bend Pine Nursery, amended (H. Rept. 108–494);

H.R. 265, to provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park, amended (H. Rept. 108–495);

H. Res. 644, providing for consideration of H.R. 4359, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the child tax credit (H. Rept. 108–496); and

H. Res. 645, providing for consideration of H.R. 2728, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for the adjudicative flexibility with regard to an employer filing of a notice of contest following the issuance of a citation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; for consideration of H.R. 2729, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for greater efficiency at the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission; for consideration of H.R. 2730, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for an independent review of citations issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; for consideration of