

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Alberto R. Gonzales, of Texas, to be Attorney General.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S909–S994

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 272–296, and S. Res. 36–37. **Pages S978–79**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 36, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 5, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants. **Page S978**

Class Action Fairness Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 3 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2005, Senate begin consideration of S. 5, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and be limited to debate only; further, that during the consideration of the bill, amendments be limited to those which are related to the subject matter of the bill. **Page S994**

Appointments:

Policy Committee to the White House Conference on Aging: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, after consultation with the members of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and the Committee on Aging, pursuant to Public Law 100–175, as amended by Public Laws 102–375, 103–171, and 106–501, appointed the following individual as a member of the Policy Committee to the White House Conference on Aging: Thomas E. Gallagher of Nevada, vice Senator Reid. **Page S994**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 60 yeas 36 nays (Vote No. Ex. 3), Alberto R. Gonzales, of Texas, to be Attorney General.

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Executive Communications: **Pages S975–78**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S979–80**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S980–92**

Additional Statements: **Pages S974–75**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Pages S992–93**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—3) **Page S960**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, February 7, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Majority Leader in today's Record on page S994.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BSE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the effects of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) on United States imports and exports of cattle and beef, focusing on the minimal-risk rule, the role of science in determining risk, and opening the Japanese market, after receiving testimony from Michael Johanns, Secretary, Keith Collins, Chief Economist, and Ron DeHaven, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, all of the Department of Agriculture.

FBI TRILOGY PROJECT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related