

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1067–S1148*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 308–323, S. Res. 43–46, and S. Con. Res. 10–11. **Pages S1115–16**

**Measures Passed:**

*Congratulating James Madison University Football Team:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 45, commending the James Madison University Dukes football team for winning the 2004 NCAA Division I–AA National Football Championship. **Pages S1143–44**

*Honoring Zurab Zhvania:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 46, commemorating the life of the late Zurab Zhvania, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Georgia. **Page S1144**

**Class Action Fairness Act—Agreement:** Senate continued 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, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1076–S1110**

Durbin (Modified) Amendment No. 3, to preserve State court procedures for handling mass actions. **Page S1110**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, and that Senator Pryor be recognized to offer an amendment. **Page S1144**

**Appointments:**

*The National Council of the Arts:* The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of The National Council of the Arts:

Senators DeWine and Bennett. **Page S1143**

*President's Export Council:* The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order No. 12131, reappointed the following Member to the President's Export Council:

Senator Enzi. **Page S1143**

*Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:* The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85–874, as amended, appointed Senator Cochran to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, vice Senator Stevens. **Page S1143**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Brigadier General William T. Grisoli, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

22 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Pages S1145–48**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 9, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1144–45.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### CREDIT RATING AGENCIES

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of credit rating agencies in capital markets, after receiving testimony from Kathleen A. Corbet, Standard and Poor's, The McGraw-Hill, Companies, Inc.,