

Monday, March 3, 2003

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See the *Résumé* of Congressional activity.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2991–S3036*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced as follows: S. 495–502, S.J. Res. 7, and S. Res. 70. **Pages S3026–28**

**Nomination Considered:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

**Pages S2991–S3020, S3021–24**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 4, 2003. **Page S3036**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the Trade Act of 1974, the 2003 Trade Policy Agenda and the 2002 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program; to the Committee on Finance. (PM–19) **Page S3026**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 89 yeas (Vote No. EX. 38), Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years. (Reappointment) **Pages S3020–21**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S3026**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S3026–27**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S3028–29**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S3029–35**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S3024–26**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** **Page S3036**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—38) **Page S3021**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 12:02 p.m., and adjourned at 6:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 4, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3036.)

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 1 public bill, H.R. 1045; and; 1 resolution, H. Res. 119 were introduced.

**Pages H1470–71**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H1471**

**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Aderholt to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Presidential Message—Trade Policy Agenda:** Message wherein he transmitted the 2003 Trade Policy Agenda and 2002 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–43). **Page H1469**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1469.

**Referral:** S. Con. Res. was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMBATING TERRORISM: A PROLIFERATION OF STRATEGIES

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on “Combating Terrorism: A Proliferation of Strategies.” Testimony was heard from Raymond Decker, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management Team, GAO; James Gilmore, III Chairman, Advisory Panel to Assess the Domestic Response Capabilities for Terrorism Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction; and public witnesses.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the federal government’s initiatives regarding the school breakfast and lunch programs, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for the fiscal year 2004 for military construction programs, 10 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold closed briefings on current military operations, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Administration’s proposed Fiscal Year 2004 Budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charles E. McQueary, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security, Jeffrey Shane, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Emil H. Frankel, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Robert A. Sturgell, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine oil, gas, hydrogen, and conservation, fo-

cus on financial conditions of the electricity market, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Subcommittee on National Parks,* to hold hearings to examine S. 164, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, S. 328, to designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the State of Maryland as the “Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area”, S. 347, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint special resources study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and S. 425, to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine a new way to aid the Millennium Challenge Account, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the war against terrorism, focusing on protecting America, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bruce E. Kasold, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and John W. Nicholson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, on Commissioner of Social Security Administration, 10:15 a.m., and on Inspector General of Social Security Administration, 11:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on U.S.-Russian Cooperative Threat Reduction and Non-Proliferation Programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on “Improving Adult Education for the 21st Century,” 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “A Review of FASB Actions Post-Enron and WorldCom,” 3 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Subcommittee on Health,* to consider H.R. 5, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2003, 2:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* hearing on H.R. 522, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* hearing on H.R. 5, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2003, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law,* hearing on the Need for Bankruptcy Reform legislation and H.R. 975, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.