Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported the Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act of 2003.

See Final Résumé and History of Bills for the 107th Congress.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5743–S5792

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 996–1007, S. Res. 132–133, and S. Con. Res. 42–43. **Page S5771**

Measures Reported:

S. 1005, to enhance the energy security of the United States. (S. Rept. No. 108–43) **Page S5771**

Measures Passed:

Commending John W. Kluge: Senate agreed to S. Res. 132, commending John W. Kluge for his dedication and commitment to the Library of Congress. **Page S5753**

Welcoming the Prime Minister of Singapore: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 42, welcoming the Prime Minister of Singapore, His Excellency Goh Chok Tong, on the occasion of his visit to the United States, expressing gratitude to the Government of Singapore for its strong cooperation with the United States in the campaign against terrorism, and reaffirming the commitment of Congress to the continued expansion of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Singapore. **Page S5789**

Energy Policy Act: Senate began consideration of S. 14, to enhance the energy security of the United States. **Pages S5747–53, S5759–65**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, May 7, 2003.

Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S5765–66**

A sixth motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 8, 2003. **Page S5766**

Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Page S5766**

A second motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 8, 2003. **Page S5766**

NATO Expansion Treaty—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that, pursuant to the order of May 5, 2003, Senate will consider the Protocols to North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia (Treaty Doc. 108–4), at 12 noon, on Wednesday, May 7, 2003. **Page S5792**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. 141), Cecilia M. Altonaga, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Pages S5758, S5792**

Patricia Head Minaldi, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. **Page S5792**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Morgan Edwards, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2005.

Howard Radzely, of Maryland, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general. **Page S5792**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S5769**

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Privilege of the Floor: **Page S5791**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total–141) **Page S5758**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:33 a.m, and adjourned at 6:54 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, May 7, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5792.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for border and transportation security, after receiving testimony from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Border and Transportation Security.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities 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 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower 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 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

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 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense.

MEDIA OWNERSHIP

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine cable television rates, focusing on rising programming costs and consumer benefits of tiering expensive channels, Retransmission Consent rules, and vertical integration, coupled with horizontal media consolidation, after receiving testimony from William B. Shear, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure, and Amy Abramowitz, Assistant Director, both of the General Accounting Office; James O. Robbins, Cox Communications, and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.; Charles F. Dolan, Cablevision Systems Corporation, Bethpage, New York; James M. Gleason, Cabledirect, Sikeston, Missouri, on behalf of the American Cable Association; and Leo Hindery Jr., YES Network, New York, New York.

NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded hearings to examine S. 324, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for certain trails in the National Trails System, S. 634, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study on the feasibility of designating the Trail of the Ancients as a national historic trail, S. 635, to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, and S. 651, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, after receiving testimony from Senators Hatch, Levin, and Allard; D. Thomas Ross, Assistant Director, Recreation and Conservation, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Gary Werner, Partnership for the National Trails System, Madison, Wisconsin; Dru Bower, Petroleum Association of Wyoming, Casper; and Dave Cioffi, Etna, New Hampshire.

FILIBUSTERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights concluded hearings to examine the constitutional right of a Senate majority to confirm judicial nominees of the President irrespective of a filibuster or cloture rule, after receiving testimony from Senators Specter and Schumer; Steven G. Calabresi, Northwestern University Law School, Chicago, Illinois; John C.