

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2017–S2093*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2028–2034, and S. Res. 227. **Page S2076**

#### Measures Reported:

H.R. 2739, To amend Public Law 107–10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland.

S. Res. 205, urging the Government of Ukraine to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process leading up to the March 31, 2002, parliamentary elections.

S. Res. 213, condemning human rights violations in Chechnya and urging a political solution to the conflict, and with an amended preamble. **Page S2075**

#### Measures Passed:

**Taiwan Observer Status:** Senate passed H.R. 2739, to amend Public Law 107–10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2093**

**Campaign Finance Reform:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 2356, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform. **Page S2018**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the bill to occur at approximately 1 p.m. Further, that if cloture is invoked, there be an additional 3 hours of debate, equally divided, followed by a vote on passage of the bill; and if cloture is not invoked, this agreement is vitiated. **Page S2064**

A further unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of a Senate Resolution, the text of which is at the desk, and that the resolution be agreed to. **Page S2064**

**Energy Policy Act:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 517, to authorize funding for the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002

through 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2018–69**

#### Adopted:

Reid (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3039 (to Amendment No. 2917), making a technical correction. **Pages S2018, S2069**

#### Pending:

Daschle/Bingaman Further Modified Amendment No. 2917, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2018–69**

Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 2989 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide regulatory oversight over energy trading markets and metals trading markets. **Pages S2018–38**

Kerry/McCain Amendment No. 2999 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for increased average fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles and light trucks. **Page S2018**

Dayton/Grassley Amendment No. 3008 (to Amendment No. 2917), to require that Federal agencies use ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel in areas in which ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel are available. **Page S2018**

Bingaman Amendment No. 3016 (to Amendment No. 2917), to clarify the provisions relating to the Renewable Portfolio Standard. **Pages S2018, S2038**

Lott Amendment No. 3028 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for the fair treatment of Presidential judicial nominees. **Pages S2018–38**

Lott Amendment No. 3033 (to Amendment No. 2989), to provide for the fair treatment of Presidential judicial nominees. **Pages S2027–28, S2034**

Lincoln Modified Amendment No. 3023 (to Amendment No. 2917), to expand the eligibility to receive biodiesel credits and to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on alternative fueled vehicles and alternative fuels. **Pages S2038–43, S2064**

Kyl Amendment No. 3038 (to Amendment No. 3016), to provide for appropriate State regulatory authority with respect to renewable sources of electricity. **Pages S2043–55, S2056–69**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Periodic Report on the National Emergency with respect to National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) for the period September 26, 2001

through March 25, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-77)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2002 Trade Policy Agenda and the 2001 Annual Report on the Trade Agreements Program; to the Committee on Finance. (PM-78)

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**Authority for Committees:** All committees were authorized to file legislative and executive reports during the adjournment/recess of the Senate on Wednesday, April 3, 2002, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:27 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 20, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2093).

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—NOAA/FTC

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere/Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and Timothy J. Muris, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

### APPROPRIATIONS—INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the international affairs programs of the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury.

### APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for Navy and Air Force military construction programs, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respec-

tive activities from H.T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installation and Environment; Rear Adm. David D. Pruett, Civil Engineer Corps, USN, Director, Civil Engineering Readiness Division, Chief of Naval Operations; Rear Adm. Noel G. Preston, USNR, Deputy Director of Naval Reserve; Brig. Gen. (Select) Ronald S. Coleman, USMC, Deputy Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps for Installation and Logistics Facilities; Nelson F. Gibbs, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installation, Environment and Logistics; Maj. Gen. Earnest O. Robbins II, USAF, The Air Force Civil Engineer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics; Brig. Gen. David A. Brubaker, USANG, Deputy Director, Air National Guard; and Brig. Gen. Robert E. Duignan, USAFR, Deputy to the Chief of the Air Force Reserve.

### U.S. INTERESTS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the worldwide threat to United States interests, after receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director of Central Intelligence; and Vice Adm. Thomas R. Wilson, USN, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on maximizing fleet presence capability and ship procurement and research and development, after receiving testimony from Rear Adm. Miles B. Wachendorf, USN, Director, Strategy and Policy Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; John J. Young, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; and Vice Adm. Michael G. Mullen, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Requirements and Assessments.

### ACCOUNTING AND INVESTOR PROTECTION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee resumed oversight hearings to examine accounting and investor protection issues raised by the fall of the Enron Corporation and by other public companies, focusing on oversight and regulation of the accounting profession, corporate governance, and stock analyst conflicts of interests, receiving testimony from Charles A. Bowsher, former Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office, Aulana L. Peters, and Alan B. Levenson, former Director, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, all of the Public Oversight Board, Stamford, Connecticut; L. William Seidman, Washington, D.C., former Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and John C. Whitehead, former Deputy Secretary of State, and Michael Mayo, Prudential Securities, Inc., both of New York, New York.

Hearings continue tomorrow.