

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 324–332. **Page S2051**

**Measures Reported:**

S. Res. 49, designating February 11, 2003, as “National Inventors’ Day”. **Page S2051**

**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 S2021–34, S2059–60**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 11 a.m., on Monday, February 10, 2003. **Page S2059**

**Appointment:**

*Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 93–642, appointed Senator Murray to be a member of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees, vice former Senator Carnahan. **Page S2059**

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

Edward C. Prado, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Robert Allen Wherry, Jr., of Colorado, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Navy.

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:15 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, February 10, 2003. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2059.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### BUDGET 2004: DEPARTMENT OF STATE/ AID

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of State, U.S. Agency for International Development, and other foreign affairs agencies, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 49, designating February 11, 2003, as “National Inventors’ Day”; and

The nominations of John R. Adams, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Robert A. Junell, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and S. James Otero, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet on Friday at 10 a.m. in pro forma session.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

#### Week of February 10 through February 15, 2003

##### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 11 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

##### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Armed Services:* February 12, to hold hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; to be followed by a closed meeting to be held in SH-219, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

February 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* February 11, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report of the Federal Reserve; and to hold a business meeting to consider the nomination of William H. Donaldson, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Budget:* February 11, to hold hearings to examine the President's International Affairs Budget, 10 a.m., SD-608.

February 13, Full Committee, to resume hearings on the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2004, focusing on the Department of Transportation, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* February 11, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

February 12, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Science Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics to examine the recent space shuttle *Columbia* accident, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

February 12, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, and Fisheries, to hold hearings to examine Coast Guard transition to Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

February 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States Olympic Committee reforms, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

February 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine infrastructure needs of minority serving institutions, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* February 11, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

February 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Joseph Timothy Kelliher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

February 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-366.

February 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine oil, gas, hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on oil supply and prices, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* February 12, business meeting to markup S.195, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to bring underground storage tanks into compliance with subtitle I of that Act, to promote cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks, to provide sufficient resources for such compliance and cleanup, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

February 13, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* February 11, to hold hearings to examine proposals for economic growth and job creation, focusing on incentives for consumption, 10 a.m., SD-215.

February 12, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine proposals for economic growth and job creation, focusing on incentives for consumption; to be followed by hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph Robert Goeke, of Illinois, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Glen L. Bower, of Illinois, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Daniel Pearson, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, Charlotte A. Lane, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, and Raymond T. Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring September 14, 2004, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

February 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Enron, focusing on the Joint Committee on Taxation's investigative report, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* February 11, to hold hearings to examine a post Saddam Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

February 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine a post conflict Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* February 11, with the Committee on the Judiciary, to hold joint hearings to examine patient access crisis, focusing on the role of medical litigation, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

February 12, Full Committee, business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure for the 108th Congress, subcommittee assignments, S. 239, to amend the Public Health Services Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, proposed legislation entitled "Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003", proposed legislation concerning NIH Foundation, proposed legislation concerning birth defects, and proposed legislation entitled "Animal Drug User Fee Act", 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* February 12, to hold hearings to examine the nomination Ross O. Swimmer, to be Special Trustee—American Indians, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* February 11, with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, to hold joint hearings to examine patient access crisis, focusing on the role of medical litigation, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

February 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine judicial nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* February 11, to hold hearings to examine current and projected national security threats, 10 a.m., SD-106.

February 11, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* February 11, to hold hearings to examine guardianship over the elderly, focusing on security provided or due process denied, 10 a.m., SD-628.

### House Chamber

To be announced.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations,* February 11, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* February 12, hearing on the fiscal year 2004 National Defense Authorization budget request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* February 12, hearing on the Department of Transportation Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

February 13, hearing on the Department of State Budget priorities Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* February 12, hearing on "Back to Work: the Administration's Plan for Economic Recovery and the Workforce Investment Act," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 13, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 13, Museum and Library Services Act of 2003; and H.R. 14, Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on "The Pension Security Act: New Pension Protections to Safeguard the Retirement Savings of American Workers," 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* February 12, hearing entitled "A Review of the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Health Care Priorities," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* February 12, hearing on monetary policy and the state of the economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Recovery and Renewal: Protecting the Capital Markets Against Terrorism Post 9/11," 3 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* February 11, to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress, 5:45 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 12, hearing on the President's International Affairs Budget request for Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing on Prospects for Peace in Ivory Coast, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 13, hearing on North Korea's Nuclear Program: The Challenge to Stability in Northeast Asia, 10 a.m., and a hearing on Overview of U.S. Policy Toward the Western Hemisphere, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* February 12, to meet for organizational purposes, 3 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science,* February 13, hearing on An Overview of the Federal R&D Budget for fiscal year 2004, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* February 12, to meet for organizational purposes and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 12, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on reauthorization of the FAA and the Aviation Programs: Introduction, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, oversight hearing on reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs: What are the needs, and how to meet those needs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* February 11, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Budget request for Fiscal Year 2004, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* February 13, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Regulatory and Contracting Reform, 12 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Free Electronic Filing National Taxpayer Advocate Annual Report, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Conference:* February 10, meeting of conferees on H.J. Res. 2, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, 6:30 p.m., S-207, Capitol.

*Joint Meetings:* February 12, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Science Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics to examine the recent space shuttle *Columbia* accident, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Monday, February 10

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Friday, February 7

Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Pro forma session.

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