

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 433–447, S. Res. 64–65, and S. Con. Res. 8–9. **Page S2701**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 64, authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. **Page S2701**

Measures Discharged and Referred:

Committee Funding Resolution: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 65, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary, and the resolution was then referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. **Page S2714**

Child Care: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 389, to increase the supply of quality child care, and the bill was then referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. **Page S2714**

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 S2621–76**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 26, 2003. **Page S2715**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Second Additional Protocol Modifying Convention with Mexico Regarding Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion (Treaty Doc. No. 108–3).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S2714–15**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Received on Thursday, February 20, 2003 during the adjournment of the Senate:

Report to accompany The Moscow Treaty With Russia (Treaty Doc. 107–8). (Ex. Rept. 108–1)

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report required by the International Emergency Economic Powers Act on the Emergency Regarding Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–17)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Anne Rader, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2004.

Diane L. Kroupa, of Minnesota, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Gregory W. Engle, of Colorado, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 26, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2715.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

2004 BUDGET: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed open and closed hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony General Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; Admiral Vernon E. Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; General Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and General John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: On Wednesday, February 5, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Airland: Senators Sessions (Chairman), McCain, Inhofe, Roberts, Talent, Chambliss, Dole, Lieberman, Akaka, Dayton, Bayh, Clinton, and Pryor.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Roberts (Chairman), Allard, Collins, Ensign, Talent, Chambliss, Graham (SC), Dole, Cornyn, Reed, Kennedy, Byrd, Lieberman, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Bayh, and Clinton.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Chambliss (Chairman), Collins, Dole, Cornyn, Nelson (NE), Kennedy, and Pryor.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators Ensign (Chairman), McCain, Inhofe, Roberts, Allard, Sessions, Talent, Chambliss, Cornyn, Akaka, Byrd, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Dayton, Bayh, Clinton, and Pryor.

Subcommittee on Seapower: Senators Talent (Chairman), McCain, Collins, Graham (SC), Kennedy, Lieberman, and Reed.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Senators Allard (Chairman), Inhofe, Sessions, Ensign, Graham (SC), Cornyn, Nelson (FL), Byrd, Reed, Nelson (NE), and Dayton.

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation held hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Aviation Administration, focusing on the financing of airport improvement and expansion, including the Airport Improvement Program, as well as passenger facilities charges (PFCs) and airport bonds, receiving testimony from Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Civil Aviation Issues, General Accounting Office; Woodie Woodward, Associate Administrator for Airports, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; and David Z. Plavin, Washington, D.C., on behalf of Airports Council International—North America, and the American Association of Airport Executives.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

2004 BUDGET: ENERGY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

ENERGY SUPPLY AND PRICES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the outlook for natural gas supply and prices in the United States, focusing on conservation and consumption, after receiving testimony from Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Robert W. Best, Atmos Energy, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the American Gas Association; Keith O. Rattie, Questar Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah; and David H. Welch, British Petroleum's Alaska-Canada Pipelines, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

WORLD HUNGER REPORT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee on concluded hearings to examine the state of the World Report on Hunger from Africa to North Korea focusing on the status of worldwide food security, the role of U.S. food aid programs, global hunger, and humanitarian assistance, after receiving testimony from Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; Ken Hackett, Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, Maryland; Ellen S. Levinson, Cadwalader, Wickersham, and Taft, and Joachim Von Braun, International Food Policy Research Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and James T. Morris, United Nations World Food Program, Rome, Italy.