

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6571–S6639

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1076–1082, S. Res. 145, and S. Con. Res. 45. **Pages S6624–25**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing Ford Motor Company: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 100, recognizing the 100th anniversary year of the founding of the Ford Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States and many other nations, and a revolutionary industrial and global institution, and congratulating Ford Motor Company for its achievements, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S6637**

Warner (for McConnell) Amendment No. 699 (to the preamble), to make technical corrections. **Page S6637**

Recognizing the Contributions of Asian Pacific Americans: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 44, recognizing the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans to our Nation, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S6637–38**

Department of Defense Authorization: Senate began consideration of S. 1050, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments: **Pages S6575–86, S6587–98**

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 697, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability. **Pages S6597–98**

Pending:

Daschle Amendment No. 689, to ensure that members of the Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces are treated equitably in the provision of health care benefits under TRICARE and otherwise under the Defense Health Program. **Pages S6587–97**

Graham (SC) Amendment No. 696 (to Amendment No. 689), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6594–97**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also considered the following action:

Reid Amendment No. 697 (listed above) was ruled not relevant. **Page S6598**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2003. **Page S6638**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–33) **Page S6621**

Transmitting, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, a notice continuing the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–34) **Page S6621**

Appointments:

NATO Parliamentary Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the First Session of the 108th Congress, to be held in Prague, Czech Republic, May 23–26, 2003: Senators Sessions, Voinovich, and Cornyn. **Page S6638**

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 86 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 184), S. Maurice Hicks, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. **Pages S6586–87, S6639**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—184)	Page S6586

Adjournment: Senate met at 2:02 p.m., and adjourned at 7:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 20, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S6638–39.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: on Friday, May 16, 2003, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for programs of the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from J.B. Penn, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services, Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Joseph Jen, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary for Rural Development, and Keith Collins, Chief Economist, all of the Department of Agriculture.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Jeffrey Lunstead, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Demo-

cratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, and Richard W. Erdman, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

UGANDA AIDS PREVENTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded hearings to examine U.S. policy in combating AIDS in Uganda, focusing on political commitment, role of faith-based organizations, communication, fighting stigma, policy and law changes, and confidential voluntary counseling and testing, after receiving testimony from Anne Peterson, Assistant Administrator for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development; Edward C. Green, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Sophia Mukasa Monico, Global Health Council, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded hearings to examine the nomination of Steven A. Browning, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Malawi after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

HEALTH CARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine prevention measures to reduce unnecessary illness, disability, and premature death among older Americans, focusing on Medicare-covered preventive services, and local model programs, after receiving testimony from James S. Marks, Director, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Daniel Perry, Alliance for Aging Research, Washington, D.C.; Robert N. Butler, International Longevity Center—USA, New York, New York; Joel E. Streim, American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry, Bethesda, Maryland; William Faxon Payne, Nashville, Tennessee; and Zalman Gerber, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 2143–2154; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 240–241, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands

from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape (H. Rept. 108–96, Pt. 2);

H.R. 1950, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for the fiscal years 2004 and 2005, to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, amended (H. Rept. 108–105, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1588, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2004, amended (H. Rept. 108–106).

H.R. 1257, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the authority for qualifying members of the Selected Reserve to have access to home loans guaranteed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and to provide for uniformity in fees charged qualifying members of the Selected Reserve and active duty veterans for such home loans (H. Rept. 108–107);

H.R. 1683, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2003, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans (H. Rept. 108–108).

H. Res. 239, providing for consideration of H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape (H. Rept. 108–109);

H.R. 1529, to amend title 11 of the United States Code with respect to the dismissal of certain involuntary cases (H. Rept. 108–110);

H.R. 1954, to revise the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act relating to naturalization through service in the Armed Forces, amended (H. Rept. 108–111);

S. 330, to further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials (H. Rept. 108–112, Part 1);

S.J. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (H. Rept. 108–113);

H.R. 1562, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the authority of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recover costs of medical care furnished to veterans and other persons by the Department from third parties that provide health insur-

ance coverage to such veterans and other persons, amended (H. Rept. 108–114 Part 1);

H.R. 1911, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance cooperation and the sharing of resources between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense (H. Rept. 108–115 Part. 1);

H.R. 1836, to make changes to certain areas of the Federal civil service in order to improve the flexibility and competitiveness of Federal human resources management, amended (H. Rept. 108–116 Pt. 1);

H.R. 1837, to improve the Federal acquisition workforce and the process for the acquisition of services by the Federal Government, amended (H. Rept. 108–117 Part 1);

Pages H4253–54

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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Recess: The House recessed at 12:54 p.m and reconvened at 2 p.m. And the House recessed at 2:32 p.m and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

Pages H4212, H4217

Presidential Messages: Read the following measures from the President:

Continuation of the National Emergency re Burma: Message wherein he transmitted the notice stating that the Burma emergency is to continue beyond May 20, 2003—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–72); and

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Six Month Report on the National Emergency re Burma: Message wherein he transmitted a report covering the 6-month period since November 20, 2002, on the national emergency with respect to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–73).

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Buckle Up America Week: H. Con. Res. 166, expressing the sense of Congress in support of Buckle Up America Week (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 192);

Pages H4213–14, H4217–18

James L. Watson United States Court of International Trade Building, New York, New York: H.R. 1018, to designate the building located at 1 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, as the “James L. Watson United States Court of International Trade Building” (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 380 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 193); and

Pages H4214–15, H4218

20th Anniversary of the Orphan Drug Act and the National Organization for Rare Disorders: H. Con. Res. 147, amended, commemorating the 20th

Anniversary of the Orphan Drug Act and the National Organization for Rare Disorders (agreed to by 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 386 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 194). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Orphan Drug Act and the National Organization for Rare Disorders." Pages H4215-17, H4218-19

Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment, upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, of Ms. Felice Gaer of Paramus, New Jersey to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a two-year term ending May 14, 2005. Page H4219

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H4207-08.

Referral: S. 459 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and S. 535 was referred to the Committee on House Administration. Page H4247

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4217-18, H4218, and H4218-19. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USPS FACILITIES—STAMPING OUT ANTHRAX

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on Stamping Out Anthrax in USPS Facilities: Technologies and Protocols for Bioagent Detection. Testimony was heard from Keith A. Rhodes, Chief Technologist, GAO; Col. Erik A. Henschel, USA, Commander, Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, Department of the Army; Thomas G. Day, Vice President, Engineering, U.S. Postal Service; Capt. Kenneth Martinez, Engineer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; R. Davis Layne, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and James L. Hadler, M.D., State Epidemiologist, Department of Health, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

DC CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY—REVIEW REFORM EFFORTS

Committee on Government Reform: On May 16, the Committee held a hearing on "Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Residents: A Review of Reform Efforts at the District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency." Testimony was heard from Cornelia Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; Olivia A. Golden, Director, Child and Family Services Agency, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

HEALTHY FORESTS RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 1904, Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, with 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture, 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources, and 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in part B of the report, if offered by Representative George Miller of California or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

PERSPECTIVES ON HOUSE REFORM: LESSONS FROM THE PAST

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Rules held an oversight hearing entitled "Perspectives on House Reform: Lessons from the Past." Testimony was heard from Charles W. Johnson III, Parliamentarian, House of Representatives; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Fair Credit Reporting Act and issues presented by the Re-authorization of the Expiring Preemption Provisions, to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Nicholas Gregory Mankiw, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Steven B. Nesmith, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Jose Teran, of Florida, James Broaddus, of Texas, Lane Carson, of Louisiana, and Morgan Edwards, of North Carolina, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine CEO compensation in the post-Enron Era, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues related to the North Pacific Crab, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Transportation Equity Act (TEA-21), 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold a closed briefing to examine North Korea and Indonesia, 11 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the future of U.S. economic relations in the Western Hemisphere, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine drugs, counterfeiting, and weapons proliferation, focusing on North Korea, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the scope and impact of international drug trafficking and terrorism, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold oversight hearings to examine operations of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Smithsonian Institution, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine baby boomers, focusing on enhancing independence through innovation and technology, 2 p.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the current state of the Dairy industry, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative, on GPO, 10:30 a.m., and on Capitol Police, 11:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on "America's Teacher Colleges: Are They Making the Grade?" 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "The Hydrogen Energy Economy," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following measures: H.R. 23, Tornado Shelters Act; H.R. 1276, American Dream Downpayment Act; H.R. 1614, HOPE VI Program Reauthorization and Small Community Main Street Rejuvenation and Housing Act of 2003; H.R. 2120, Financial Contracts Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2003; the Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act; H.R. 1474, Check Clearing for the 21st Century; and H.R. 1375, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing entitled "Can the Use of Factual Data Analysis Strengthen National Security?—Part Two," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on "Anti-Terrorism Investigations and the Fourth Amendment After September 11: Where and When Can the Government Go to Prevent Terrorist Attacks?" 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property, to mark up H.R. 1417, Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of 2003, 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, 1:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, to continue overview hearings on the Administration's Proposed Reauthorization bill (SAFETA), 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, oversight hearing on Surface Transportation Board: Agency Resources and Requirements, 2:30 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Budgets for intelligence-related activities within the Departments of State, Energy, and Treasury; and for the Department of Defense Foreign Counterintelligence Programs, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "How is America Safer? A Progress Report on the Department of Homeland Security," 9 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Tuesday, May 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1050, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of suspensions:

- (1) H.R. 1954, Armed Forces Naturalization Act;
- (2) H.R. 1925, Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act;
- (3) H. Res. 217, Commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship;
- (4) H.R. 1911, Cooperation and Sharing of Resources between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense;
- (5) H.R. 1683, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2003;
- (6) H.R. 1257, Selected Reserve Home Loan Equity Act; and
- (7) H.R. 1562, Veterans Health Care Cost Recovery Act.

Consideration of H.R. 1904, Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (modified closed rule, one hour of general debate).

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