

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1417–S1465

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2096–2102, S. Res. 305 and S. Con. Res. 90. **Page S1457**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Wednesday, February 18, during the adjournment:

S. 741, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute (S. Rept. No. 108–226). **Page S1457**

Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies Access to Care Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2061, to improve women's health access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services. **Pages S1422–47**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill to occur at 5 p.m. **Page S1463**

Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1805, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others. **Page S1448**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Wednesday, February 25, 2004. **Page S1448**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn. **Page S1448**

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

U.N. Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (Treaty Doc. No. 108–16).

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 S1462–63**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Paul V. Applegarth, of Connecticut, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation. (New Position)

John Campbell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Michael O'Neill, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2009. (Reappointment)

38 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service. **Pages S1463–65**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Jaymie Alan Durnan, of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, vice Mario P. Fiori, which was sent to the Senate on November 21, 2003. **Page S1465**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S1457**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S1457**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1457–59**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S1459–61**

Additional Statements: **Pages S1453–56**

Notices of Hearings/Meetings: **Page S1462**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S1462**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 24, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1463.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

2005 BUDGET: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on the Budget: on Friday, February 13, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the

President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet on Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at 2 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D28–29)

H.R. 2264, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 to carry out the Congo Basin Forest Partnership program. Signed on February 13, 2004. (Public Law 108–200)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 24 through February 28, 2004

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 9:30 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2061, Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies Access to Care Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill to occur at 5 p.m.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1805, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, with a vote to occur on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: February 24, to hold hearings to examine the federal government's response to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease), 10 a.m., SD–124.

February 25, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the government of the District of Columbia, 9:30 a.m., SD–138.

February 26, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for emergency preparedness and response budget, 10 a.m., SD–124.

February 26, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the National Science Foundation, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: February 25, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine policies and programs for preventing and responding to incidents of sexual assault in the armed services, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

February 25, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, Office of Future Liabilities, and Office of Legacy Management, relating to the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; to be followed by a closed session in SH–219, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 24, to resume hearings to examine proposals for improving the regulation of the housing government sponsored enterprises, 10 a.m., SD–538.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, focusing on understanding the fund industry from the investor's perspective, 10 a.m., SD–538.

February 25, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine proposals for improving the regulation of the housing government sponsored enterprises, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alphonso R. Jackson, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of