

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1531–S1609

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2111–2129, S.J. Res. 28, and S. Con. Res. 91–92. **Pages S1586–87**

Measures Reported:

S. 930, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish a program to provide assistance to enhance the ability of first responders to prepare for and respond to all hazards, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–227) **Page S1586**

Measures Passed:

Permitting the Use of the Rotunda of the Capitol: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 357, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Dorothy Height. **Page S1607**

Congratulating Focus: Hope: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 92, congratulating and saluting Focus: Hope on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and for its remarkable commitment and contributions to Detroit, the State of Michigan, and for the United States. **Pages S1607–08**

Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act: Senate resumed 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. **Pages S1532–82**

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

By 75 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 16), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1538**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the bill (S. 1805), at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 26, 2004, with certain amendments to be proposed thereto; further,

that at 9:35 a.m., on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, the pending amendments be withdrawn, with certain exceptions, with certain additional amendment to be proposed, and that the time prior to 11:35 a.m. that day be equally divided for debate on all amendments concurrently; that no second degree amendments be in order; that at 11:35 a.m., Senate vote on Feinstein Amendment, followed by a vote on Reed Amendment, to be followed by a vote on Campbell Amendment, to be followed by a vote on Kennedy Amendment, to be followed by a vote on the D.C. ban amendment; further that following the disposition of the aforementioned amendments, the bill be read a third time and the Senate vote on final passage of the bill. **Page S1609**

Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106–398, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Gary J. Schmitt, of Washington, D.C., vice Michael A. Ledeen of Maryland. **Page S1606**

Commission on Systemic Interoperability: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–173, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on Systemic Interoperability: Herbert Pardes, M.D., of New York. **Pages S1606–07**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—16) Page S1538

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 26, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1609.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the government of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Rufus G. King III, Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia; Annice M. Wagner, Chief Judge, D.C. Court of Appeals and Chair, Joint Committee on Judicial Administration; and Frederick Lindstrom, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, Craig W. Floyd, National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, and Patricia Gallagher, National Capital Planning Commission, all of Washington, D.C.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine policies and programs for preventing and responding to incidents of sexual assault in the armed services, after receiving testimony from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; General George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army; Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and Terri J. Rau, Head, Policy and Prevention Section, Counseling, Advocacy and Prevention Branch, Navy Personnel Command, Bureau of Naval Personnel, both of the United States Navy; General William L. Nyland, USMC, Assistant Commandant, United States Marine Corps; General T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force; Susan H. Mather, Chief Officer, Office of Public Health and Environmental Hazards, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans' Affairs; Christine Han-

sen, The Miles Foundation, Newtown, Connecticut; and Deborah D. Tucker, National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Austin, Texas.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, Office of Future Liabilities, and Office of Legacy Management, in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, after receiving testimony from Jessie H. Roberson, Assistant Secretary for Environment Management, and Michael W. Owen, Director, Office of Legacy Management, both of the Department of Energy.

MUTUAL FUND INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, focusing on understanding the fund industry from the investor's perspective, including the role of State Treasurers, financial literacy Programs, management fee disclosure, and the recent scandals in the industry, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Brooklandville, Maryland, former Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance; Tim Berry, Indiana State Treasurer, Indianapolis, on behalf of the National Association of State Treasurers; James S. Riepe, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; Don Phillips, Morningstar, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; and James K. Glassman, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

HOUSING GSEs

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposals for improving the regulation of the housing government sponsored enterprises (GSEs), after receiving testimony from Franklin D. Raines, Fannie Mae, Washington, D.C.; Richard F. Syron, Freddie Mac, McLean, Virginia; and Norman B. Rice, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, Seattle, Washington.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security.