

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2755–S2832

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2207–2217, and S. Res. 320–321. **Pages S2777–78**

Measures Passed:

Presidential Authorization: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 254, to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2755–56**

Frist (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 2856, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2756**

Small Business Program Extensions: Senate passed H.R. 3915, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through April 2, 2004, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S2756–57**

National Patient Safety Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 320, designating the week of March 7 through March 13, 2004, as “National Patient Safety Awareness Week”. **Page S2757**

National Safe Place Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 309, designating the week beginning March 14, 2004, as “National Safe Place Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2757–58**

Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse: Senate passed S. 1904, to designate the United States courthouse located at 400 North Miami Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the “Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse”. **Pages S2822–23**

Senator Paul Simon Federal Building: Senate passed S. 2022, to designate the Federal building lo-

cated at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Illinois the “Senator Paul Simon Federal Building”.

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Ronald Reagan Federal Building: Senate passed S. 2043, to designate a Federal building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the “Ronald Reagan Federal Building”. **Page S2823**

Honoring Cumberland County’s 250th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 307, honoring the county of Cumberland, North Carolina, its municipalities and community partners as they celebrate the 250th year of the existence of Cumberland County, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2823–24**

Frist (for Edwards) Amendment No. 2857, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2823**

Energy Efficient Housing Technical Correction Act: Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3724, to amend section 220 of the National Housing Act to make a technical correction to restore allowable increases in the maximum mortgage limits for FHA-insured mortgages for multifamily housing projects to cover increased costs of installing a solar energy system or residential energy conservation measures, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2824**

Unborn Victims of Violence Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate proceed to consideration of H.R. 1997, to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, with certain amendments to be proposed thereto. **Page S2821**

Authority for Committees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, all committees were authorized to file legislative and executive reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Thursday, March 18, 2004, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. **Page S2821**

Medical Devices Technical Corrections Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1881, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make technical corrections relating to the amendments by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S2821–22**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties: Investment Protocol with Estonia (Treaty Doc. 108–17);

Additional Investment Protocol with the Czech Republic (Treaty Doc. 108–18);

Additional Investment Protocol with the Slovak Republic (Treaty Doc. 108–19);

Additional Investment Protocol with Latvia (Treaty Doc. 108–20);

Additional Investment Protocol with Lithuania (Treaty Doc. 108–21); and

Additional Protocol Concerning Business and Economic Relations with Poland (Treaty Doc. 108–22).

The treaties were 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 S2825–27**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William H. Pryor, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Mary J. Schoelen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of fifteen years.

Jack Dyer Crouch IIse II, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Romania.

Joseph E. Brennan, of Maine, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2008. (Reappointment)

The following named officer of the United States Coast Guard to be a member of the Permanent

Commissioned Teaching Staff of the Coast Guard Academy in the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 188:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy. **Pages S2828–31**

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

A routine list in the Coast Guard. **Page S2832**

Messages From the House: **Page S2776**

Measures Read First Time: **Page S2776**

Executive Communications: **Pages S2776–77**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S2778–S2802**

Additional Statements: **Pages S2774–76**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2802–21**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 2:18 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 22, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2827.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: On Thursday, March 11, Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Rhonda Keenum, of Mississippi, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Services.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 3966–3969, were introduced. **Page H1074**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1074–75**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to act as

Speaker Pro Tempore for today and as Speaker Pro Tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through March 15. **Page H1073**

Senate Message: Message from the Senate today appears on page H1073.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no votes or quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 15 through March 20, 2004

Senate Chamber

The Senate is not in session.

Senate Committees

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Chamber

Program to be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 16, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on School Leadership, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on Supreme Court, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol, and on FBI, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Defense, on Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn, and executive, on Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Science, Nuclear Energy and Renewable Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Interior, on U.S. Geological Survey, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Older American Programs Panel, 10:15 a.m., and on Secretary of Education, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on FAA, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 10 a.m., and on Community Development Financial Institutions, 11 a.m., and on U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, 1 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 18, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Agency and Related Agencies, on Food Safety and Inspection Service, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on Patent and Trademark Office, 10 a.m., and on State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 18, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on International HIV/AIDS Assistance Request, 2359 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Office of Domestic Preparedness, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Interior, on Oversight: Presidio Trust, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Department of Education, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Air Force Budget Request, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 17, hearing on Combating the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—the U.S. Transportation Command's (USTRANSCOM) Airlift and Sealift Programs, 4 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of Defense Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle (UCAV) and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 18, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1741, to redesignate the position of the Secretary of the Navy as the Secretary of the Navy and the Marine Corps, 8 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Readiness and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, joint hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Training Transformation—Examination of the Joint National Training Capability, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Department of Energy's Atomic Energy Defense Activities Budget, 10 a.m., 2216 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on Defense Health Programs—Current and Future Issues, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, March 17, hearing entitled "Fiscal Responsibility and Federal Consolidation Loans: Examining Cost Implications for Taxpayers, Students, and Borrowers," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing entitled "Reforming and Strengthening Defined Benefit Plans: Examining the Health of the Multiemployer Pension System," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 18, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Inter-governmental Transfers: Violations of the Federal-State Medicaid Partnership or Legitimate State Budget Tool?" 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 17, to consider the following measures: H.R. 27, Small Public Housing Authority Act; H.R. 1914, Jamestown 400th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act of 2003; H.R. 2131, to award a congressional gold medal to President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain; H.R. 2768, John Marshall Commemorative Coin Act; and H.R. 3277, Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Successful Homeownership and Renting through Housing Counseling," 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

March 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Hunt for Saddam's Money: U.S. and Foreign Efforts to Recover Iraq's Stolen Money," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, March 16, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing on Homeland Security Advisory System: Threat Codes and Public Responses, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing entitled "Information Security in the Federal Government: One Year Into the Federal Information Security Management Act," 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, to consider the following bills: H.R. 3737, Administrative Law Judges Pay Reform Act of 2004; and H.R. 3751, to require that the Office of Personnel Management study and present options under which dental and vision benefits could be made available to Federal employees and retirees and other appropriate classes of individuals, 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing on U.S. Preparation for the World Radio Conferences: Too little, too late? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 18, full Committee, hearing on A Prescription for Safety: The need for H.R. 3880, Internet Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, March 17, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on the United States and Asia: Continuity, Instability, and Transition, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on the Current Situation in Serbia, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 18, full Committee, hearing on U.S.-Russia Relations in Putin's Second Term, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 16, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 3866, Anabolic Steroids Control Act of 2004, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims, oversight hearing on US VISIT: A

Down Payment on Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 17, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing to examine how the Department of Interior's new Appraisal Officer is functioning and how land exchanges are being evaluated, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 18, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 3883, to reauthorize the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 18, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on H.R. 3846, Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 18, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 3747, Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation and Water Management Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, March 16, to consider H. Res. 557, relating to the liberation of the Iraqi people and the valiant service of the United States Armed Forces and Coalition forces, 5:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, March 17, hearing on the Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2004, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 18, hearing on The Presidential Awardees for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching: A Lesson Plan for Success, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA-Department of Defense Cooperation in Space Transportation, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 18, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs, hearing entitled "The Benefits of Health Savings Accounts," 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 17, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on the Status of the Computer-Assisted Passenger Prescreening System (CAPPS II), 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security's Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, the Office of Domestic Preparedness, and First Responder Funding, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs Information Technology program, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 18, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Health Quality Initiatives, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 18, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the SSA's Management of the Ticket to Work Program, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 16, executive, hearing on Consolidated Cryptologic Budget, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

March 17, executive, business meeting, 1:30 p.m., and, executive, to hold a hearing on National Geo-spatial Agency Program Budget, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, March 17, Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security, hearing

entitled “The Department of Homeland Security’s Border and Transportation Security (BTS) Budget Proposal,” 10:30 a.m., room to be announced.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, March 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1637, Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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