

# 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**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S2778**

**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.

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# 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.