

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7775–S7870

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and two resolutions, were introduced as follows: S. 2619–S. 2635, S. Res. 401, and S. Con. Res. 121. **Pages S7827–28**

Measures Reported:

S. 2386, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–300) **Page S7827**

Measures Passed:

Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act: Senate passed S. 2634, to amend the Public Health Service Act to support the planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies, to provide funds for campus mental and behavioral health service centers. **Page S7864**

Class Action Fairness Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2062, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7782–S7819**

Pending:

Frist Amendment No. 3548, relative to the enactment date of the Act. **Page S7782**

Frist Amendment No. 3549 (Amendment No. 3548), relative to the enactment date of the Act. **Page S7782**

Frist Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report back forthwith.

Frist Amendment No. 3550 (to the instructions of the motion to commit), relative to the enactment date of the Act. **Page S7782**

Frist Amendment No. 3551 (Amendment No. 3550), relative to the enactment date of the Act. **Page S7782**

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

By 44 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 154), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S7819**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nominations of Juan Carlos Zarate, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Stuart Levey, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, be re-referred to the Committee on Finance and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; further, that when the nominations are reported by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, they then be automatically discharged from the Committee on Finance, and placed on the executive calendar. **Page S7864**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Valerie Lynn Baldwin, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Christopher J. LaFleur, of New York, to be Ambassador to Malaysia.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 8:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, July 9, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7867.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2386, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, with amendments; and

The nominations of Admiral Vernon E. Clark, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, and Lieutenant General James E. Cartwright, USMC, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Strategic Command.

Prior to this action, committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Admiral Vernon E. Clark, and Lieutenant General James E. Cartwright, (both listed above), after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2411, to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to provide financial assistance for the improvement of the health and safety of firefighters, promote the use of life saving technologies, achieve greater equity for departments serving large jurisdictions, after receiving testimony from Senators DeWine and Dodd; C. Suzanne Mencer, Director,

Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness, and R. David Paulison, Director, Preparedness Division and United States Fire Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Ernest Mitchell, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Fairfax, Virginia; E. James Monihan, Lewes Fire Department, Lewes, Delaware, on behalf of the National Volunteer Fire Council; Billy E. Shields, Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona, Phoenix, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Fighters; and James M. Shannon, National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, Massachusetts.

TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the federal government's financial statement and accountability of taxpayer dollars at the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, focusing on financial accounting and reporting, and audit challenges, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, and McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, all of the Government Accountability Office; Linda M. Springer, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; Donald V. Hammond, Fiscal Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Lawrence J. Lanzillotta, Acting Under Secretary (Comptroller), and Francis E. Reardon, Deputy Inspector General for Auditing, Office of the Inspector General, both of the Department of Defense; and Andrew B. Maner, Chief Financial Officer, and Clark Kent Ervin, Inspector General, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael H. Watson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, and Isaac Fulwood, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission.

Also, Committee met and began consideration of the nomination of Claude A. Allen, of Virginia, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, but did not take final action thereon, and recessed subject to call.