

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1959–S1983

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2020–2024. **Page S1974**

Measures Passed:

National Inhalants and Poison Prevention Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 206, designating the week of March 17 through March 23, 2002 as “National Inhalants and Poison Prevention Week”. **Page S1982**

National Civilian Conservation Corps Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 207, designating March 31, 2002, as “National Civilian Conservation Corps Day”, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1982**

Commemorating Law Enforcement Officers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 221, to commemorate and acknowledge the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers. **Pages S1982–83**

Energy Policy Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 517, to authorize funding for the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1961–62**

Pending:

Daschle/Bingaman Further Modified Amendment No. 2917, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1961**

Feinstein Amendment No. 2989 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide regulatory oversight over energy trading markets. **Page S1961**

Kerry/McCain Amendment No. 2999 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for increased average fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles and light trucks. **Page S1961**

Dayton/Grassley Amendment No. 3008 (to Amendment No. 2917), to require that Federal agencies use ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel in areas in which ethanol-blended gasoline and biodiesel-blended diesel fuel are available. **Page S1961**

Bingaman Amendment No. 3016 (to Amendment No. 2917), to clarify the provisions relating to the Renewable Portfolio Standard. **Page S1961**

Lott Amendment No. 3028 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for the fair treatment of Presidential judicial nominees. **Page S1961**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Randy Crane, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 18, 2002, with a vote to occur thereon at approximately 6 p.m. **Page S1981**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 90 yeas (Vote No. EX. 51), David C. Bury, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. **Pages S1959–61, S1983**

Sally Stroup, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

Maribeth McGinley, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Amy Apfel Kass, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Andrew Ladis, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2006. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.) **Page S1983**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S1981**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—51) Page S1961

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 1:17 p.m., until 3 p.m., on Monday, March 18, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1983).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Energy, focusing on the Office of Science, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, and Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, after receiving testimony from Raymond L. Orbach, Director, Office of Science, William D. Magwood, IV, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, and Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, all of the Department of Energy.

CHILD CARE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine child care improvement issues, focusing on literacy, behavioral health, and family services, after receiving testimony from Elaine Zimmerman, Connecticut Commission on Children, Hartford; Janet Shalansky, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Topeka; Elizabeth Bonbright Thompson, Washington State Child Care Resource and Referral Network, Tacoma; Sheila Merkison, Burns Insurance Agency, Kennebunk, Maine; Helen Blank, Children's Defense Fund, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Kathy R. Thornburg, University of Missouri, Columbia, on behalf of the National Association for the Education of Young Children; and Travis H. Hardmon, National Child Day Care Association, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: On Thursday, March 14, committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1356, to establish a commission to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and European refugees during World War II, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 207, designating March 31, 2002, as "National Civilian Conservation Corps Day", with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 206, designating the week of March 17 through March 23, 2002 as "National Inhalants and Poison Prevention Week";

S. Res. 221, to commemorate and acknowledge the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers; and

The nominations of Don Slazinik, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois, and Kim Richard Widup, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois.

Also, with respect to the nomination of Charles W. Pickering, Sr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, the committee failed to adopt the motion to report the nomination favorably, the motion to report the nomination without recommendation, and the motion to report the nomination unfavorably.

DIGITAL MARKET PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: On Thursday, March 14, committee concluded hearings to examine competition, innovation, and public policy concerning digital creative works, after receiving testimony from Richard D. Parsons, AOL Time Warner, Inc., New York, New York; Craig R. Barrett, Intel Corporation, Chandler, Arizona; Jonathon Taplin, Intertainer, Inc., Culver City, California; Joe Kraus, Excite.com and DigitalConsumer.org, San Francisco, California; and Justin Hughes, University of California at Los Angeles Law School, Los Angeles.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet on Monday, March 18 at 2 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of March 13, 2002, p. D227)

S.J. Res. 32, congratulating the United States Military Academy at West Point on its bicentennial anniversary, and commending its outstanding contributions to the Nation. Signed on March 14, 2002. (Public Law 107-152)