

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 151, PROTECT Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2549–S2620

Measures Introduced: Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 427–432, and S. Res. 61–63. **Page S2594**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 61, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance. **Page S2594**

Measures Passed:

PROTECT Act: By a unanimous vote of 84 yeas (Vote No. 35), Senate passed S. 151, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the sexual exploitation of children. **Pages S2573–90**

Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, after agreeing to committee amendments. **Pages S2554–73**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination on Tuesday, February 25, 2003. **Page S2620**

Appointment:

Joint Committee on Taxation: The Chair announced on behalf of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Senators Grassley, Hatch, Nickles, Baucus, and Rockefeller. **Page S2620**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Received on Thursday, February 20, 2003 during the adjournment of the Senate:

Report to accompany The Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions (Treaty Doc. 107–8) (Ex. Rept. 108–1)

Messages From the House: **Page S2594**

Measures Referred: **Page S2594**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S2594**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S2612**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S2612**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—35) **Page S2587**

Adjournment: Senate met at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 25, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2620.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee; and

S. 195, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to bring underground storage tanks into compliance with subtitle I of that Act, to promote cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks, to provide sufficient resources for such compliance and cleanup; with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Finance: on Friday, February 14, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 108th Congress, and ordered favorably reported an original

resolution (S. Res. 61) authorizing expenditures by the Committee.

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Health Care: Senators Kyl (Chairman), Snowe, Frist, Bunning, Nickles, Thomas, Santorum, Smith, Hatch, Lott, Rockefeller, Daschle, Graham (FL), Jeffords, Bingaman, Kerry, Lincoln, Breaux, and Baucus.

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(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D137)

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(3) H.R. 657, Emergency Authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and

(4) H.R. 258, American 5-Cent Coin Design Continuity Act of 2003.

Thursday, consideration of H.R. 534, Human Cloning Prohibition (subject to a rule).

Friday, no votes.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, February 26, to consider the following: Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; and further organizational matters, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, February 26, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Office of Inspector General, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Interior, on Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Army Construction, 10 a.m., and on Navy Construction, 2 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on American Battle Monuments Commission, 10 a.m., and on Selective Service System, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

February 27, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Interior, on Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Community Development Financial Institutions, 10 a.m., and on Office of Science and Technology Policy, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, February 26 and 27, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 2004 National Defense Authorization budget request, 10 a.m., on February 26 and 9:30 a.m., on February 27, 2118 Rayburn.

February 26, hearing on U.S. forward-deployed strategy in the European Theater, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 26, hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

February 27, hearing on the Department of Defense Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2004, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, February 26, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, to mark up H.R. 444, Back to Work Incentive Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Procurement and Property Mismanagement and Theft at Los Alamos National Laboratory, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Health of the Telecommunications Sector: A Perspective from the Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Assessing the Need to Enact Medical Liability Reform," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 25, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity,

hearing entitled "Simplifying the Home Buying Process: HUD's Proposal to Reform RESPA," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "It's only FAIR: Returning Money to Defrauded Investors," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "The New Basel Accord-Sound Regulation or Crushing Complexity?" 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, February 27, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on "Recovery Now: The President's Drug Treatment Initiative," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, February 26, hearing on Russia's Policies Toward the Axis of Evil: Money and Geopolitics in Iraq and Iran, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 27, hearing on The U.S. Response to East African Famines and the Future Outlook for Food Aid in Africa, 10:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Overview of U.S. Policy Toward the Western Hemisphere, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 26, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on "Peer-to-Peer Piracy On University Campuses," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on "New York's Sanctuary Policy and the Effect of Such Policies on Public Safety, Law Enforcement, and Immigration," 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

February 28, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2003, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, February 25, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12) of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, February 26, to consider H.R. 534, Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2003, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, February 27, hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 25, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing on the Burden of Regulations on the small business community, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 26, full Committee, to meet for organizational purposes, 1:30 p.m., followed by a hearing on the Small Business Administration's Budget for Fiscal Year 2004, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 27, to consider Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 25, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public

Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on Emergency Preparedness at the Indian Point Energy Center located in Buchanan, New York, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 26, full Committee, to mark up the following: Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; H.R. 866, Wastewater Treatment Works Security Act of 2003; the Over-the-Road Bus Security and Safety Act of 2003; the Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act of 2003; and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Aviation and the Subcommittee on Railroads, joint hearing on Planes, Trains, and Intermodalism: Improving the Link Between Air and Rail, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, February 27, to consider Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 25, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Eliminating Barriers to

Chronic Care Management in Medicare, 4 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 26, full Committee, hearing on the Administration's Trade Agenda, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 27, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, February 26, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, hearing on Terrorist Threat Integration Center, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, February 25, to meet for organizational purposes, 3 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

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Joint Economic Committee: February 26, to hold hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, February 25

Senate Chamber

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(1) H. Con. Res. 36, encouraging the celebration of the 140th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and commending Abraham Lincoln's efforts to end slavery;

(2) H.R. 254, North American Development Bank Reauthorization;

(3) H.R. 657, Emergency Authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and

(4) H.R. 258, American 5-Cent Coin Design Continuity Act of 2003.

Thursday, consideration of H.R. 534, Human Cloning Prohibition (subject to a rule).

Friday, no votes.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, February 26, to consider the following: Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; and further organizational matters, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, February 26, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Office of Inspector General, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Interior, on Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Army Construction, 10 a.m., and on Navy Construction, 2 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on American Battle Monuments Commission, 10 a.m., and on Selective Service System, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

February 27, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Interior, on Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Community Development Financial Institutions, 10 a.m., and on Office of Science and Technology Policy, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, February 26 and 27, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 2004 National Defense Authorization budget request, 10 a.m., on February 26 and 9:30 a.m., on February 27, 2118 Rayburn.

February 26, hearing on U.S. forward-deployed strategy in the European Theater, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 26, hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

February 27, hearing on the Department of Defense Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2004, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, February 26, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, to mark up H.R. 444, Back to Work Incentive Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Procurement and Property Mismanagement and Theft at Los Alamos National Laboratory, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Health of the Telecommunications Sector: A Perspective from the Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Assessing the Need to Enact Medical Liability Reform," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 25, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity,

hearing entitled "Simplifying the Home Buying Process: HUD's Proposal to Reform RESPA," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "It's only FAIR: Returning Money to Defrauded Investors," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "The New Basel Accord-Sound Regulation or Crushing Complexity?" 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, February 27, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on "Recovery Now: The President's Drug Treatment Initiative," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, February 26, hearing on Russia's Policies Toward the Axis of Evil: Money and Geopolitics in Iraq and Iran, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 27, hearing on The U.S. Response to East African Famines and the Future Outlook for Food Aid in Africa, 10:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Overview of U.S. Policy Toward the Western Hemisphere, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 26, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on "Peer-to-Peer Piracy On University Campuses," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on "New York's Sanctuary Policy and the Effect of Such Policies on Public Safety, Law Enforcement, and Immigration," 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

February 28, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2003, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, February 25, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12) of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, February 26, to consider H.R. 534, Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2003, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, February 27, hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 25, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing on the Burden of Regulations on the small business community, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 26, full Committee, to meet for organizational purposes, 1:30 p.m., followed by a hearing on the Small Business Administration's Budget for Fiscal Year 2004, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 27, to consider Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 25, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public

Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on Emergency Preparedness at the Indian Point Energy Center located in Buchanan, New York, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 26, full Committee, to mark up the following: Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; H.R. 866, Wastewater Treatment Works Security Act of 2003; the Over-the-Road Bus Security and Safety Act of 2003; the Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act of 2003; and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Aviation and the Subcommittee on Railroads, joint hearing on Planes, Trains, and Intermodalism: Improving the Link Between Air and Rail, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, February 27, to consider Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 25, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Eliminating Barriers to

Chronic Care Management in Medicare, 4 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 26, full Committee, hearing on the Administration's Trade Agenda, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 27, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, February 26, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, hearing on Terrorist Threat Integration Center, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, February 25, to meet for organizational purposes, 3 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: February 25, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Joint Economic Committee: February 26, to hold hearings to examine the Economic Report of the President, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, February 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. for their respective party conferences).

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

(1) H. Res. 67, Official Photographs of the House of Representatives on March 12, 2003;

(2) H. Con. Res. 40, Capitol Rotunda Ceremony for the Commemoration of the Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust; and

(3) H. Res. 46, Honoring the life of Al Hirschfeld and his legacy.



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