

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3765–S3813

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 629–636, and S. Res. 90–91. **Pages S3803–04**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, March 14, during the adjournment of the Senate:

S. Con. Res. 23, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Governments for fiscal year 2004 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2003 and for fiscal years 2005 through 2013.

Measures Passed:

National Day of Prayer: Senate agreed to S. Res. 91, affirming the importance of a national day of prayer and fasting, and expressing the sense of the Senate that March 17, 2003, should be designated as a national day of prayer and fasting. **Page S3810**

Congressional Budget Resolution: Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 23, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2003 and for fiscal years 2005 through 2013. **Pages S3774–91, S3792–98**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 18, 2003; provided further that there be 20½ hours remaining under the control of the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget and 21½ hours remaining under the control of the Ranking Member. **Pages S3810–11**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of

Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit at 12 noon, on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, and immediately proceed to the cloture vote thereon; and that regardless of the outcome of the vote, the Senate return to legislative session and resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 23 (listed above). **Pages S3810–11**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S3804–05**

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Adjournment: Senate met at 1 p.m., and adjourned at 7:30 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 18, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3811.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: U.S. JOINT FORCES COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: on Friday, March 14, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the posture of U.S. Joint Forces Command and the role of joint experimentation in force transformation, after receiving testimony from Admiral Edward P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, Commander, United States Joint Forces Command; and Vice Admiral Arthur K. Cebrowski, USN (Ret.), Director, Office of Force Transformation, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 1298–1301; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 145–146, were introduced. **Page H1908**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1908**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Report on the Activities of the Committee on House Administration During the 107th Congress (H. Rept. 107–810). **Page H1908**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Culberson to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H1905**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1905.

Referral: S. 162 and S. 222 were referred to the Committee on Resources. S. Con. Res. 20 was held at the desk. **Page H1906**

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings to examine Base Realignment and Closure, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on ballistic missile defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine proposals to regulate illegal Internet gambling, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2004 for the Fish and Wildlife Service, 11 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark W. Everson, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, 10 a.m., SD–219.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the war on terrorism, focusing on diplomacy issues, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing to examine the current hostage situation in Colombia, 4 p.m., S–407, Capitol.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the practice of contract bundling in federal agency procurement, focusing on the loss of federal jobs in small business, 9:30 a.m., SR–428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the state of military readiness and review of the fiscal year 2004 fiscal year defense authorization budget request, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the fiscal year 2004 defense authorization budget request, 4 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Review of NRC's Proposed Security Requirements for Nuclear Power Plants," 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled "Paying Dividends: How the President's Tax Plan Will Benefit Individual Investors and Strengthen the Capital Markets," 3 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up H.R. 1104, Child Abduction Prevention Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 975, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2003, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 23, Congressional Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2004.

Also, at 12 noon, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and immediately proceed to the cloture vote thereon; following which, Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 23 (listed above).

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

- (1) H. Con. Res. 26, Condemning Executions by Stoning;
- (2) H.R. 868, Nicaragua Property Dispute Settlement Act;
- (3) H. Res. 109, Passage of U.N. Commission on Human Rights Resolution Addressing Human Rights in North Korea;
- (4) H.R. 145, Designation of the Ted Weiss Federal Building; and
- (5) H.R. 878, Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act.

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