

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 93, Commending Jeri Thomson.

Senate agreed to S. Res. 94, Commending Alfonso C. Lenhardt.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3815–S3911

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 637–655, S.J. Res. 10–11, and S. Res. 92–94. **Pages S3881–82**

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 Government for fiscal year 2004 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2003 and for fiscal years 2005 through 2013. **Page S3881**

Measures Passed:

Columbia Orbiter Memorial Act: Senate passed S. 628, to require the construction at Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial to the crew of the *Columbia* Orbiter. **Page S3909**

Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 40, permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S3909–10**

Commending Jeri Thomson: Senate agreed to S. Res. 93, commending Jeri Thomson for her service to the United States Senate. **Page S3910**

Commending Alfonso C. Lenhardt: Senate agreed to S. Res. 94, commending Alfonso C. Lenhardt for his service to the United States Senate. **Page S3910**

Congressional Budget Resolution: Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

Conrad Amendment No. 266, to redirect \$1.214 trillion in revenues that would have been lost by implementing the President's entire tax cut agenda into a reserve fund to strengthen the Social Security trust funds over the long-term. (By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 58), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Boxer Amendment No. 272, to prevent consideration of drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in a fast-track budget reconciliation bill.

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

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 57), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 305 (b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to Conrad Amendment No. 264, to prevent further deficit increases, except for national and homeland security and short-term effects of measures providing for economic recovery, until the President submits to Congress a detailed estimate of the full cost of the conflict with Iraq. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was not germane to the Budget Resolution was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 19, 2003; provided further that there be 30 hours left for debate on the resolution with 15 hours remaining under the control of the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget and 15 hours remaining under the control of the Ranking Member.

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Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S3826–34**

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

By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 56), 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 nomination.

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Appointment:

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed Senator Dodd as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 108th Congress. **Page S3910**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ellen L. Weintraub, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2007. (Prior to this action, Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of the nomination.)

Michael E. Toner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2007. (Prior to this action, Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of the nomination.)

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Record Vote: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—58) **Pages S3834, S3854, S3855**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 19, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S3910–11.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded hearings to examine the base realignment and closure process and the critical importance of the rationalization of military infrastructure to the Department of Defense, focusing on base reuse and community profile, environmental cleanup and property disposal, after receiving testimony from Raymond F. Dubois, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, Mario Fiori, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment, Nelson Gibbs, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Logistics, and Wayne Army, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Facilities, all of the Department of Defense; Robert B. Leonard, Sacramento County Airport System, Sacramento, California; James C. Bryan, Charleston Naval Complex Redevelopment Authority, Charleston, South Carolina; and Brigadier General Paul Roberson, USAF (Ret.), San Antonio, Texas.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal years 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on ballistic missile defense, after receiving testimony from Edward C. Aldridge, Jr., Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Thomas P. Christie, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, J.D. Crouch II, Assistant Secretary for International Security Policy, and Lieutenant General Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

INTERNET GAMBLING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposals to regulate illegal Internet gambling, including S. 627, to prevent the use of certain payments instruments, credit cards, and fund transfers for unlawful Internet gambling, after receiving testimony from Senator Kyl; John G. Malcolm, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Hartford; William S. Saum, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., American Gaming Association, Stewart A. Baker, U.S. Internet Service Provider Association, and L. Richard Fischer, Morrison and Foerster, all of Washington, D.C.; and Frank