

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Jeffrey S. Sutton, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5439–S5499

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 931–949, S. Res. 122–125, and S. Con. Res. 39. **Pages S5483–84**

Measures Reported: Report to accompany S. 113, to exclude United States persons from the definition of “foreign power” under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 relating to international terrorism. (S. Rept. No. 108–40) **Page S5482**

Measures Passed:

Supporting St. Tammany Day: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 39, supporting the goals and ideals of St. Tammany Day on May 1, 2003, as a national day of recognition for Tamamend and the values he represented. **Page S5497**

National Charter Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 125, designating April 28, 2003, through May 2, 2003, as “National Charter Schools Week.” **Pages S5498–99**

Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S5458–72**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, May 1, 2003. **Pages S5471–72**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination on Wednesday, April 30, 2003. **Page S5499**

Digital and Wireless Network Technology Program Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 196, to establish a digital and wireless network

technology program, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, April 30, 2003, with a vote to occur thereon.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 135), Jeffrey S. Sutton, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Pages S5440–58, S5499**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—135) **Pages S5457–58**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:12 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 30, 2003. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5499.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OVERSEAS BASING REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded hearings to examine overseas basing requirements, after receiving testimony from Gen. James L. Jones, Commander, United States European Command; and Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, Commander, United Nations Command,

Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea.

AMTRAK

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the future of intercity passenger rail service and Amtrak, focusing on the company's fiscal year 2004 budget request, a rail system based on restructured federal/state/private roles and corridor services, partnerships among states and the federal government, securing federal funding sources, redesigning long-distance trains to complement corridor services and minimize operating losses, long term debt, and operating and capital needs, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; David L. Gunn, President and Chief Executive Officer, Amtrak; David D. King, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Raleigh, on behalf of States for Passenger Rail Coalition; John H. Winner, Harral, Winner, Thompson, Sharp, Lawrence, Inc., Potomac, Maryland; Hank Dittmar, Great American Station Foundation, Las Vegas, New Mexico, on behalf of Reconnecting America; Alan Landes, Herzog Transit Services, St. Joseph, Missouri; and Michael P. Pracht, Railway Supply Institute, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING: COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee met to consider comprehensive energy legislation, focusing on provisions relating to Indian energy policy and programs, research and development, and transportation fuels, including alternative fuel programs,

but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, April 30.

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the developing situations in the Middle East and on the Korean Peninsula, and a resolution of ratification to the Accession Protocols that will expand the NATO Alliance to include Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

SARS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome threat, after receiving testimony from Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and James G. Young, Ontario Ministry of Public Safety and Security, Canada.

ASSISTED LIVING REPORT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Assisted Living Workgroup's report entitled "Assuring Quality in Assisted Living: Guidelines for Federal and State Policy, State Regulation, and Operations," after receiving testimony from Stephen McConnell, Alzheimer's Association, Washington, D.C.; Dan B. Madsen, Leisure Care, Inc., Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the American Seniors Housing Association; and Robert L. Mollica, National Academy for State Health Policy, Portland, Maine.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 1835–1871; 1 private bill, H.R. 1872; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 156–157, and H. Res. 204–207, were introduced. **Pages H3450–52**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3452–54**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 810, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide regulatory relief and contracting flexibility under the Medicare Program, amended (H. Rept. 108–74, Pt. 2);

H.R. 1350, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, amended (Rept. 108–77);

H.R. 1346, to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to provide an additional function of the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy relating to encouraging Federal procurement policies that enhance energy efficiency, amended (H. Rept. 108–78 Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 206, providing for consideration of H.R. 1350, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (H. Rept. 108–79). **Page H3450**