

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2268–2279, and Res. 327–328. **Pages S3566–67**

Measures Passed:

Normandy Landing Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 28, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Allied landing at Normandy during World War II, and the resolution was then passed. **Page S3595**

Small Business Temporary Extension: Senate passed H.R. 4062, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through June 4, 2004, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3595**

Welfare Reform Reauthorization: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3529–38, S3544–57**

Pending:

Boxer/Kennedy Amendment No. 2945, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage. **Page S3529**

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

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 65), 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 committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3538**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Otis Webb Brawley, Jr., of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring June 20, 2009. (Reappointment)

Vinicio E. Madrigal, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring June 20, 2009. (Reappointment)

Michael W. Marine, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—65) **Page S3538**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:12 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, April 2, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3596.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Related Agencies, and Education concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Elias Zerhouni, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

APPROPRIATIONS: INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Charles W. Grim, Assistant Surgeon General, and Director, Indian Health Service, and Gary J. Hartz, Assistant Surgeon General, Acting Director, Office of Public Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from John Weicher, Commissioner, Federal Housing Administration, Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Roy A. Benardi, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and General Government held a hearing to examine future challenges facing the United States Postal Service, focusing on the Transformation Plan of both the near-term and long-term efforts that will result in a continued ability to fulfill the mission of the Postal Service—to deliver business and personal mail affordably to everyone, everywhere, receiving testimony from John E. Potter, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, U.S. Postal Service.

APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for certain programs under its jurisdiction, after receiving testimony from Eric M. Bost, Under Secretary for Food Nutrition and Consumer Services, Elsa A. Murano, Under Secretary for Food Safety, and William T. Hawks, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, all of the Department of Agriculture; and Lester M. Crawford, Acting Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on the military strategy and operational requirements of the unified and regional commands, after receiving testimony from Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Navy; General Leon J. LaPorte, USA, Commander, United Nations Command and Republic of Korea/United States Combined Forces Command, and Commander, U.S. Forces Korea, U.S. Army; and General James T. Hill, USA, Commander, U.S. Southern Command, U.S. Army.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on military installation programs, after receiving testimony from Raymond F. DuBois, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment; Major General Larry J. Lust, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, U.S. Army; Rear Admiral Christopher Weaver, USN, Commander, Navy Installations Command; Brigadier General Willie J. Williams, USMC, Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (Facilities), U.S. Marine Corps; and Major General L. Dean Fox, USAF, Air Force Civil Engineer.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1508, to address regulation of secondary mortgage market enterprises, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NASA'S BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the