

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1885–S1957

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 490–499. **Pages S1930–31**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing Contributions of Zhao Ziyang: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 55, recognizing the contributions of the late Zhao Ziyang to the people of China, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1956**

Deep-Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 56, designating the month of March as Deep-Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month, in memory of journalist David Bloom, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1956–57**

Acceptance of Statue: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 5, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Sarah Winnemucca, presented by the people of Nevada, for placement in National Statuary Hall. **Page S1957**

Permitting Use of the Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 63, 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. **Page S1957**

Bankruptcy Reform Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 256, a bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1892–S1927**

Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 14), Feingold Amendment No. 17, to provide a homestead floor for the elderly. **Page S1894**

By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 15), Akaka Amendment No. 15, to require enhanced disclosure to consumers regarding the consequences of making only minimum required payments in the repayment of credit card debt. **Page S1894**

By 39 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 16), Kennedy Amendment No. 28, to exempt debtors whose finan-

cial problems were caused by serious medical problems from means testing. **Page S1924**

By 39 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 17), Kennedy Amendment No. 29, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners. **Page S1924**

By 37 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 18), Corzine Amendment No. 32, to preserve existing bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill or disabled family members. **Pages S1908–11, S1924–25**

Pending:

Leahy Amendment No. 26, to restrict access to certain personal information in bankruptcy documents. **Page S1892**

Dayton Amendment No. 31, to limit the amount of interest that can be charged on any extension of credit to 30 percent. **Pages S1909–11**

Feinstein Amendment No. 19, to enhance disclosures under an open end credit plan. **Pages S1911–18**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 37, to exempt debtors from means testing if their financial problems were caused by identity theft. **Pages S1918–20**

Durbin Amendment No. 38, to discourage predatory lending practices. **Pages S1920–23**

Rockefeller Amendment No. 24, to amend the wage priority provision and to amend the payment of insurance benefits to retirees. **Pages S1924–27**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, March 3, 2005, following the final disposition of S.J. Res 4 (listed below), vote in relation to Dayton Amendment No. 31 (listed above) to be followed by a vote in relation to Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 37, with no amendments in order to the amendments prior to the votes. **Page S1957**

Congressional Rule Disapproval—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S.J. Res. 4, providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of Agriculture under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to risk zones for introduction of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 3, 2005, for up to

3 hours of debate, equally divided, and that following the use or yielding back of time, the Senate vote on the resolution. **Page S1957**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relating to the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-7) **Page S1930**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to Zimbabwe; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-8) **Page S1930**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Messages From the House: **Page S1929**

Measures Referred: **Page S1929**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S1929**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S1956**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S1956**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total-18) **Pages S1894, S1924, S1925**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 3, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1957.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: On February 17, 2005, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness: Senators McConnell (Chairman), Cochran, Roberts, Santorum, Coleman, Grassley, Conrad, Dayton, Baucus, Leahy, and Lincoln.

Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion: Senators Talent (Chairman), McConnell, Thomas, Roberts, Grassley, Lugar, Baucus, Nelson (NE), Salazar, Conrad, and Stabenow.

Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization: Senators Crapo (Chairman), Lugar, Cochran, Talent, Thomas, Coleman, Lincoln, Leahy, Nelson (NE), Dayton, and Salazar.

Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation: Senators Santorum (Chairman), Lugar, Crapo, Cochran, McConnell, Roberts, Leahy, Stabenow, Lincoln, Baucus, and Nelson (NE).

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the defense budget, after receiving testimony from Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); and Admiral Robert F. Willard, Director, Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment, J8, The Joint Staff.

APPROPRIATIONS: IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for states citizenship and immigration services, Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, after receiving testimony from Robert Bonner, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Michael J. Garcia, Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: On February 18, 2005, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Airland: Senators McCain (Chairman), Inhofe, Sessions, Ensign, Talent, Chambliss, Graham, Dole, Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Dayton, Bayh, and Clinton.