

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 468–475, and S. Res. 67–68. **Pages S1794–95**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Wednesday, February 23, during the adjournment:

S. 47, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land in the Santa Fe National Forest and certain non-Federal land in the Pecos National Historical Park in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 109–7)

S. 74, to designate a portion of the White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. (S. Rept. No. 109–8)

S. 153, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a resource study of the Rim of the Valley Corridor in the State of California to evaluate alternatives for protecting the resources of the Corridor. (S. Rept. No. 109–9)

S. 212, to amend the Valles Caldera Preservation Act to improve the preservation of the Valles Caldera. (S. Rept. No. 109–10)

S. 225, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a program to reduce the risks from and mitigate the effects of avalanches on recreational users of public land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 109–11)

S. 254, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries. (S. Rept. No. 109–12) **Page S1794**

Reported on Monday, February 28:

S. 156, to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–13) **Page S1794**

Measures Passed

Extension Living Well Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 67, designating the second week of March 2005 as “Extension Living Well Week”. **Page S1811**

Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 68, designating March 2, 2005, as “Read Across America Day”. **Page S1811**

Bankruptcy Reform Act: Senate began consideration of S. 256, a bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code. **Pages S1726–88**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the bill at 10:45 a.m., on Tuesday, March 1, 2005.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John C. Dugan, of Maryland, to be Comptroller of the Currency for a term of five years.

William Cobey, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2010.

Nancy Ann Nord, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 26, 2005.

Nancy Ann Nord, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2005.

Jeffrey Clay Sell, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Christopher J. Hanley, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2006.

Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

4 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 4:37 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, March 1, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Majority Leader in today's Record on page S18111.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Pursuant to H. Con. Res. 66, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D20)

S. 5, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants. Signed on February 18, 2005. (Public Law 109–2)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 1 through March 5, 2005

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 10:45 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of S. 256, Bankruptcy Reform Act.

During the balance of the week Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: March 2, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

March 2, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the defense budget, 10 a.m., SD–192.

March 2, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal

year 2006 for states citizenship and immigration services/customs and borderprotection/immigration and customs enforcement, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

March 3, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the U.S. Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

March 3, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: March 1, to hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements from combatant commanders in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

March 2, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing regarding Department of Defense human intelligence activities, 4:30 p.m., S–407, Capitol.

March 3, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 1, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ronald Rosenfeld, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, 2 p.m., SD–538.

March 3, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: March 1, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 for defense, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 1, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD–366.

March 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD–366.

March 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 2, business meeting to consider S. 131, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution through expansion of cap and trade programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade program, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 1, to hold hearings to examine the financial status of Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation and the Administration's Defined Benefit Plan Funding Proposal, 2:15 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 2, to hold an oversight hearing to examine foreign assistance, 9 a.m., SD-419.

March 3, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original resolution entitled Foreign Relations Authorization Act, fiscal years 2006 and 2007, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, for foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 1, to hold hearings to examine Food and Drug Administration's drug approval process, 9:30 a.m., SD-160.

March 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ensuring drug safety, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 1, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

March 3, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

March 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, James C. Dever III, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and Robert J. Conrad, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: March 3, to hold hearings to examine implementation of the Medicare Modernization Act regarding delivering prescription drugs to dual eligibles, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

House Chamber

Program to be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 1, hearing to Review the USDA's rule providing for Canadian beef and cattle imports, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 3, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on the Reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 1, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Attorney General, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related

Agencies, on Under Secretary for Food and Safety, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Defense, on Army Posture, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 2, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies, on HIV/AIDS Budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Department of Defense Privatization Issues, 10 a.m., and on Department of Defense Budget Overview, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 2, Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Commerce, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., and on Bureau of Reclamation, 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, on Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., and on Transportation Security Administration, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on U.S. Geological Survey/Hazards: tsunamis, landslides, earthquakes, 10 a.m., and on Forest Service, 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Army Budget, 9:30 a.m., and on Central Command, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, March 2, to continue hearings on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Navy Research and Development: Programs in Support of the War on Terrorism, Naval Transformation, and Future Naval Capabilities, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the National Defense Authorization budget request, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Care of Injured and Wounded Service Members, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request on the Adequacy of the Budget to Meet Readiness Needs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Tactical and Land Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request on the Department of Navy and Department of the Air Force Aviation Acquisition Programs, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request on Tactical C-4 Systems: Why Does the DOD Have So Many Different Systems Performing the Same Functionality? 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 2, hearing on the Economic Outlook and Current Fiscal Issues, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

March 3, hearing on Members' Day, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, March 1, hearing entitled "Enforcement of Federal Anti-Fraud Laws in For-Profit Education," 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 2, hearing entitled "The Retirement Security Crisis: The Administration's Proposal for Pension Reform and its Implications for Workers and Taxpayers," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 2, hearing entitled "Competition in the Communications Marketplace: How Technology is Changing the Structure of the Industry," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Clean Air Act Transportation Conformity Provisions Contained in H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on the United States Boxing Commission Act, 11:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 2, oversight hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Department's budget request for fiscal year 2006, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, March 1, Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled "Strengthening Our Communities—Is it the Right Step toward Greater Efficiency and Improved Accountability?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "The Countdown to Completion: Implementing the New Department of Homeland Security Personnel System," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, hearing entitled "Protecting Pensions and Ensuring the Solvency of PBGC," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on National Security, Emergency Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Emerging Threats: Overclassification and Pseudo-classification," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 3, full Committee, hearing entitled "Making Networx Work: Countdown to the RFP for the Federal Government's Telecommunications Program," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 2, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity, hearing entitled "Proposed FY 2006 Budget: Integrating Homeland Security Screening Operations," 2 p.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, March 1, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, briefing followed by a hearing on United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo: A Case for Peacekeeping Reform, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on the Crisis in Nepal, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 2, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on United Nations Operations: Integrity and Accountability, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations and the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, joint hearing on Year Two of Castro's Brutal Crackdown on Dissidents, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, hearing on Algeria's Struggle Against Terrorism, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 3, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 748, Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "The Immigration Enforcement Resources Authorized in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Act of 2004," 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 1, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 3, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing entitled "President's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Request for the Bureau of Reclamation and the Water Division of the U.S. Geological Survey," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, March 1, to consider the following: H.R. 841, Continuity in Representation Act of 2005; and H.R. 27, Job Training Improvement Act of 2005, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, March 3, hearing on H.R. 798, Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2005, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 2, hearing entitled "Prescriptions for Health Care Solutions," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 2, to consider H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 3, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget for Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs, and H.R. 889, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2005, 12 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 2, executive, hearing on the Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:45 a.m., Tuesday, March 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, March 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any routine morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will continue consideration of S. 256, Bankruptcy Reform Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Program to be amended.



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