

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Reported:

S. 2862, to provide for the establishment of a scientific basis for new firefighting technology standards, improve coordination among Federal, State, and local fire officials in training for and responding to terrorist attacks and other national emergencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–344) **Page S11315**

Measures Passed:

Aviation Security Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 2949, to provide for enhanced aviation security, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Hutchison (for Hollings/McCain) Amendment No. 4968, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11300**

Hutchison (for Hollings/Rockefeller/McCain) Amendment No. 4969 (to Amendment No. 4968), to authorize funds for fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005 for the National Transportation Safety Board.

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Cyprus Membership in the European Union: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 122, expressing the sense of Congress that security, reconciliation, and prosperity for all Cypriots can be best achieved within the context of membership in the European Union which will provide significant rights and obligations for all Cypriots, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Red Ribbon Week: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 84, supporting the goals of Red Ribbon Week in promoting drug-free communities, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Drug Competition Act: Senate passed S. 754, to enhance competition for prescription drugs by increasing the ability of the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission to enforce existing anti-trust laws regarding brand name drugs and generic drugs, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Hatch/Leahy) Amendment No. 4965, to make certain technical amendments. **Page S11341**

Consumer Product Safety Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 727, to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to provide that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Child Safety Enhancement Act: Senate passed H.R. 5504, to provide for the improvement of the safety of child restraints in passenger motor vehicles, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11342**

Federal Aviation Administration Research, Engineering, and Development Act: Senate passed S. 2951, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11342–43**

Reid (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 4966, to include the House of Representatives Committee on Science as a recipient of each of all the required reports, and to make other minor changes. **Page S11342**

Georgia Land Conveyance: Senate passed H.R. 2595, to direct the Secretary of the Army to convey a parcel of land to Chatham County, Georgia, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11343**

Social Security Program Protection Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4070, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Baucus/Grassley) Amendment No. 4967, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11343–52**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Robert Wayne Jenkins Station U.S. Post Office: S. 2828, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6910 South Yorktown Avenue in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Robert Wayne Jenkins Station". **Page S11339**

Rollan D. Melton Post Office Building: S. 2840, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 North Main Street in Fallon,

Nevada, as the “Rollan D. Melton Post Office Building”.

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Peter J. Ganci, Jr. Post Office Building: S. 2918, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 380 Main Street in Farmingdale, New York, as the “Peter J. Ganci, Jr. Post Office Building”.

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Nat King Cole Post Office: S. 2929, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 265 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, as the “Nat King Cole Post Office”.

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Francis Dayle ‘Chick’ Hearn Post Office: S. 2931, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5805 White Oak Avenue in Encino, California, as the “Francis Dayle ‘Chick’ Hearn Post Office”.

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Homeland Security Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 5005, to establish the Department of Homeland Security, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pending:

Thompson (for Gramm) Amendment No. 4901, in the nature of a substitute.

Daschle (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 4911 (to Amendment No. 4901), to provide that certain provisions of the Act shall not take effect.

Daschle (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 4953 (to Amendment No. 4911), of a perfecting nature.

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Tuesday, November 19, 2002.

Veterans Benefits Improvement Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 2237, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to veterans’ compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, and pension benefits, education benefits, housing benefits, memorial affairs benefits, life insurance benefits, and certain other benefits for veterans, to improve the administration of benefits for veterans, and to make improvements in procedures relating to judicial review of veterans’ claims for benefits, clearing the measure for the President.

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Nomination Considered: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Dennis W. Shedd, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture vote on the nomination of

Dennis W. Shedd, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit be vitiated and that following today’s debate, the nomination be laid aside and that upon the disposition of H.R. 5005, Homeland Security Act, the Senate proceed to executive session and vote on confirmation of the nominee; further, that if the nomination is confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action and that the Senate return to legislative session; and that if the nomination is not confirmed, the Senate return to legislative session without any intervening action or debate, and that the previous order with respect the Terrorism Conference Report (H.R. 3210) remain in effect following disposition of the Shedd nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Anne B. Pope, of Tennessee, to be Federal Co-chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission. (Prior to this action, Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration.)

Richard J. Peltz, of Pennsylvania, to be Alternative Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission. (Prior to this action, Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration.)

James M. Loy, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Security for a term of five years. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 9 p.m. until 9 a.m., on Tuesday, November 19, 2002. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S11352).

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.