

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2330, Burma Freedom and Democracy Act.

The House passed H.R. 1950, Millennium Challenge Account, Peace Corps Expansion, and Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 2003.

The House passed H.R. 2122, the Project BioShield Act.

House Committee ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004: Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies; and Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9433–S9513

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1418–1421, and S. Res. 196–197. **Page S9496**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2004”. (S. Rept. No. 108–103)

S. 877, to regulate interstate commerce by imposing limitations and penalties on the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail via the Internet, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–102)

S. 929, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for security improvements to over-the-road bus operations, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–104) **Pages S9495–96**

Measures Passed

Burma Freedom and Democracy Act: By 94 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 280), Senate passed H.R. 2330, to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma’s democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S9440–48, S9457

Native American Health and Wellness Foundation Act: Senate passed S. 555, to establish the Na-

tive American Health and Wellness Foundation, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

Pages S9508–11

Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Indian Health: Senate passed S. 558, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health.

Pages S9511–12

Higher Education Act Amendment: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 570, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the qualifications of foreign schools, and the bill was then passed.

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Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 197, to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in *State of Colorado v. Carrie Ann Hoppes, Andrew M. Bennett, Christopher J. Friedman, Andrew Jonathan Tirman, Carolyn Elizabeth Bninski, Melissa Noelle Rossman, Rachael Esther Kaplan*.

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Capitol Rotunda Ceremony Permission: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 236, permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the unveiling of the statue of Sacagawea provided by the State of North Dakota for display in Statuary Hall.

Pages S9512–13

Defense Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending

September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S9448–56, S9457–84

Adopted:

By 93 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 282), Daschle Amendment No. 1269, to provide National Guard and Reserve forces access to TRICARE.

Pages S9457–59, S9463

Rejected:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1264, to require from the President a budget amendment for the budget for fiscal year 2004 on the amounts requested for military operations in Iraq in fiscal year 2004. (By 53 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 278), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S9448–51, S9455–56

Bingaman Amendment No. 1268, to require a report on the individuals being detained by the United States Government as enemy combatants. (By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 279), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S9451–55, S9456

Boxer Amendment No. 1271, to require reports on U.S. operations in Iraq. (By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 281), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Kennedy Amendment No. 1273, to require a report on the United States strategy for reconstruction in Iraq. (By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 283), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S9464–71

Corzine Amendment No. 1275, to establish the National Commission on the Development and Use of Intelligence Related to Iraq. (By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 284), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S9471–75, S9480

McCain Amendment No. 1270, to prohibit the use of funds for certain programs, projects, and activities. (By 79 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 285), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S9475–80

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 17, 2003, and that Senator Harkin be recognized to speak for up to 25 minutes; that if Republican amendments are offered that they be interspersed between the following first-degree amendments offered by the following Democratic Members: Senators Dodd, Byrd, Wyden, Durbin, Biden, Byrd, Kennedy, Byrd, and Schumer.

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Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the Right Honorable Tony Blair, M.P., Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, into the House Chamber for the joint meeting tomorrow.

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Appointments:

British-American Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appointed Senators Gregg and Cornyn as delegates of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 108th Congress.

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U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–388, as amended by Public Law 97–84 and Public Law 106–292, appointed the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the 108th Congress: Senators Reid and Boxer.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for a term of four years.

Lisa Genevieve Nason, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2004.

Georgianna E. Ignace, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2004.

John Richard Grimes, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2006.

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Messages From the House: **Pages S9492–93**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S9493**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S9508**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S9508**

Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—285) **Pages S9456–57, S9463, S9471, S9480**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:50 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 17, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9513.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for energy and water development programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

Nominations:

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Thomas W. O'Connell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and Paul Morgan Longworth, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration.

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the semi-annual Monetary Policy Report of the Federal Reserve and the economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

INTERNET TAX MORATORIUM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access, focusing on the costs of tax compliance, and benefits achieved under the Internet Tax Freedom Act, after receiving testimony from Billy Hamilton, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Austin; Joseph A. Ripp, America Online, Inc., Dulles, Virginia; Paul Misener, Amazon.com, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Mark Beshears, Sprint Corporation, Overland Park, Kansas.

MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, focusing on improvements to marine

mammal bycatch reduction efforts, enforcement, and other important aspects of marine mammal conservation management policy, after receiving testimony from Rebecca Lent, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Marshall P. Jones, Jr., Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Vice Admiral Charles W. Moore, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics; David Cottingham, Marine Mammal Commission, Bethesda, Maryland; Rear Admiral Richard West, USN, (Ret.), Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education, and Nina M. Young, The Ocean Conservancy, both of Washington, D.C.; Peter Tyack, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts; and Charles Johnson, Alaska Nanuq Commission, Nome, Alaska.

GREAT LAKES RESTORATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the recent General Accounting Office report entitled: "An Overall Strategy and Indicators for Measuring Progress Are Needed to Better Achieve Restoration Goals", focusing on the ramifications of an uncoordinated Great Lakes restoration strategy, current management of various environmental programs, and possible next steps to improve the management of Great Lakes programs, after receiving testimony from Senators DeWine and Levin; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office; Robyn Thorson, Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Thomas V. Skinner, Region V Administrator, National Program Manager for the Great Lakes, Environmental Protection Agency; Colonel William E. Ryan III, Deputy Commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Timothy R.E. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Illinois State Senator Susan Garrett, Springfield; Christopher Jones, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Columbus, on behalf of the Council of Great Lakes Governors; Dennis L. Schornack, Chair, United States Section, International Joint Commission, Washington, D.C.; and Margaret Wooster, Great Lakes United, Buffalo, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 618, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326-A-1, 326-A-3, 326-K, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S.1146, to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Unit Tribal Advisory Committee by providing authorization for the construction of a rural health care facility on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INDIAN HEALTH CARE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded joint hearings with House Committee on Resources, Office of Native American and Insular Affairs on S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, and H.R. 2440, to improve the implementation of the Federal responsibility for the care and education of Indian people by improving the services and facilities of Federal health programs for Indians and encouraging maximum participation of Indians in such programs, after receiving testimony from Charles W. Grim, Interim Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Steven B. Nesmith, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations; Rachel A. Joseph, National Steering Committee on the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, Lone Pine, California; Ben Muneta, Association of American Indian Physicians, and Everett R. Rhoades, Central Oklahoma Amer-

ican Indian Health Council, Inc., both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Steven Weaver, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage; Kay A. Culbertson, Denver Indian Health and Family Services, Denver, Colorado; and Carmelita Skeeter, Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa, Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

HOSPITAL GROUP PURCHASING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded hearings on competition in the marketplace in relation to hospital group purchasing, focusing on how Group Purchasing Organizations (GPOs) affect the cost and quality of health care in America, including whether the benefits of GPOs outweigh the potential for harm to hospitals, consumers and competition, after receiving testimony from Mark McKenna, Novation, Irving Texas; Richard Norling, Premier, San Diego, California; Said Hilal, Applied Medical Resources Corporation, Rancho Santa Margarita, California; Thomas Brown, BIOTRONIK, Inc., Lake Oswego, Oregon; Gary Heiman, Standard Textile, Cincinnati, Ohio; Elizabeth Weatherman, Warburg Pincus, LLC, New York, New York; and Lynn James Everard, Coconut Creek, Florida.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 2751–2764; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 245–246, and H. Res. 320–322, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H7019–20

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, (H. Rept. 108–212);

H.R. 2433, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans who participated in certain Department of Defense chemical and biological warfare testing to be provided health care for illness without requirement for proof of service-connection, amended (H. Rept. 108–213).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Deborah Logan, Pastor, Christian Faith Fellowship Church of Zion, Illinois.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Washoe Indian Tribe Land Conveyance Act: H.R. 74, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California.

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Lander and Eureka Counties Land Conveyances: H.R. 272, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture 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.

Pages H6874–76

McLoughlin House National Historic Site Act: Agree to the Senate amendments to H.R. 733, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House in Oregon City, Oregon, for inclusion in Fort Vancouver Historic Site—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H6876–77

Trust Land for Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo of San Ildefonso in the State of New Mexico: S. 246, to provide that certain Bureau of Land Management land shall be held in trust for the Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo of San Ildefonso in the State of New Mexico—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H6877–79

Honoring the Late Former Mayor of Atlanta, Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr.: H. Res. 303, honoring Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr., former Mayor of the City of Atlanta, and extending the condolences of the House of Representatives on his death;

Pages H6879–83

Supporting National Men's Health Week: H. Con. Res. 208, supporting National Men's Health Week;

Pages H6883–86

Supporting Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month: H. Con. Res. 6, supporting the goals and ideals of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month, (agreed to by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 374);

Pages H6886–88, H6948–49

Importance of International Efforts to Abolish Slavery in Sudan: H. Res. 194, amended, regarding the importance of international efforts to abolish slavery and other human rights abuses in the Sudan; and

Pages H6888–90

Supporting the Peace Parks Foundation in the Republic of South Africa: H. Con. Res. 80, expressing the sense of Congress relating to efforts of the Peace Parks Foundation in the Republic of South Africa to facilitate the establishment and development of transfrontier conservation efforts in southern Africa.

Pages H6891–92

Millennium Challenge Account, Peace Corps Expansion, and Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 1950, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for the fiscal years 2004 and 2005 and to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, by a recorded vote of 382 yeas to 42 noes, Roll No. 369. The bill was also considered on July 15.

Pages H6892–H6904

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "A bill to establish the Millennium Challenge Account to provide increased support for certain developing countries; to authorize the expansion of the Peace Corps; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2004 and 2005; and to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2004 and 2005."

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On the demand for a separate vote on the Hyde amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–206, as amended, and agreed to in the Committee on the

Whole on July 15; the House agreed to the amendment by a yea-and-nay vote of 368 yeas to 52 nays, Roll No. 368. **Pages H6892–H6902**

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H6903**

H. Res. 316, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 15.

National Defense Authorization Act: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 1588, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H6904–08, H6949**

Appointed as conferees: From the Committee on Armed Services: Chairman Hunter and Representatives Weldon of Pennsylvania, Hefley, Saxton, McHugh, Everett, Bartlett of Maryland, McKeon, Thornberry, Hostettler, Jones of North Carolina, Ryun of Kansas, Gibbons, Hayes, Wilson of New Mexico, Calvert, Skelton, Spratt, Ortiz, Evans, Taylor of Mississippi, Abercrombie, Meehan, Reyes, Snyder, Turner of Texas, Loretta Sanchez, and Cooper. **Page H6907**

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Chairman Goss and Representatives Hoekstra and Harman. From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of secs. 1057 and 2822 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Goodlatte and Representatives Lucas of Oklahoma and Stenholm. From the Committee on Education and the Workforce for consideration of secs. 544, 553, 563, 567, 907, 1046, 1501, 1502, and 1504–1506 of the House bill, and secs. 233, 351, 352, 368, 701, 1034, and 1036 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference; Representatives Castle, Kline, and George Miller of California. **Page H6907**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 601, 3113, 3201, and 3517 of the House bill, and secs. 601, 701, 852, 3151, and 3201 of the Senate amendment: Chairman Tauzin and Representatives Barton of Texas and Dingell. From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of secs. 814 and 907 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Oxley and Representatives King of New York, and Maloney. From the Committee on Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 315, 323, 551, 805, 822, 824, 828, 829, 1031, 1046, 1050, 1057, Title XI, Title XIV, secs. 2825 and 2826 of the House bill, and secs. 326, 801, 811, 813, 822,

831–833, 841, 852, 853, 1013, 1035, 1102–1104, and 2824–2826 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Tom Davis of Virginia and Representatives Shays, Jo Ann Davis of Virginia, Putnam, Turner of Ohio, Waxman, Van Hollen, and Davis of Illinois. From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of sec. 1456 of the House bill and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Cox and Representatives Shadegg and Thompson of Mississippi. From the Committee on House Administration, for consideration of sec. 564 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Ney and Representatives Mica and Larson of Connecticut. **Pages H6907–08**

From the Committee on International Relations, for consideration of secs. 1047, 1201, 1202, 1209, Title XIII, secs. 3601, 3611, 3631, 3632, and 3634–3636 of the House bill, and secs. 323, 343, 921, 1201, 1202, 1204, 1205, 1207, 1208, Title XIII, and sec. 3141 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Hyde and Representatives Bereuter and Lantos. From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 661–665 and 851–853 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Smith of Texas, and Conyers. From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of secs. 311, 317–319, 601, and 1057 of the House bill and secs. 322, 330, and 601 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Pombo and Representatives Gilchrest, Rehberg, Rahall, and Udall of New Mexico. **Page H6908**

From the Committee on Science for consideration of secs. 852 and 911 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference; Chairman Boehlert and Representatives Smith of Michigan, and Hall of Texas. From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of sec. 866 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Manzullo and Representatives Kelly and Velázquez. From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 312, 601, 907, 1049, 1051, and 2824 of the House bill, and secs. 324, 601, and 2821 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Young of Alaska and Representatives Petri and Carson of Oklahoma. From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of sec. 565 of the House bill, and secs. 644 and 707 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Smith of New Jersey and Representatives Bilirakis and Filner. From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sec. 701 of the Senate amendment, and modifications

committed to conference: Chairman Thomas and Representatives McCrery and Stark. **Page H6908**

Agreed to the Spratt motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the provisions contained in section 3111 of the House bill. **Pages H6904–07**

By a yea-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 375, agreed to close portions of the conference when classified national security material is being discussed. **Page H6949**

Project BioShield Act: The House passed H.R. 2122, to enhance research, development, procurement, and use of biomedical countermeasures to respond to public health threats affecting national security by a yea-and-nay of 421 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 373. **Pages H6908–6941, H6947–48**

The bill was considered pursuant to the unanimous consent order of July 15, and pursuant to that order, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committee on Government Reform and the Select Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute placed at the desk on July 15 was considered as adopted. **Pages H6908–41**

Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. **Pages H6941–84**

Agreed To:

Mario Diaz-Balart amendment that makes funds available for implementing the Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park Project contingent upon a joint report dealing with the water quality standards of the water entering the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and Everglades National Park; **Pages H6974–76**

Proceedings Postponed:

Slaughter amendment No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record that seeks to increase funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$10 million and increase funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities by \$5 million with offsets from the National Park Service, Departmental Management, and National Forest System was offered. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H6976–83**

Points of Order Sustained Against:

Obey en bloc amendment that sought to increase funding for conservation programs with offsets from reducing the tax reduction by 3.21 percent to taxpayers with gross income of \$1 million; **Page H6963**

Section 139, Concerning Funds for Incidental Expenses by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; **Page H6973**

Section 137, Expedited Procedures for Indian Trust Accounting; **Pages H6973–74**

H. Res. 319, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 372. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 371. **Pages H6941–47**

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motions to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the DeLauro motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces by recorded vote of 206 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 370. The motion was debated on July 15; **Pages H6903–04**

The House completed debate on the Michaud motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308 that was noted on July 15. Further proceedings were postponed on the motion. Earlier, Representative Bell announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill. **Pages H6984–90**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6871.

Referral: S. 764 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H7011**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7020–21.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6902, H6902–03, H6903–04, H6946–47, H6947, H6948, H6948–49, and H6949. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004: Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies; and Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs.

MID-SESSION REVIEW BUDGET U.S. GOVERNMENT

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Mid-Session Review Budget of the United States Government. Testimony was heard from Joshua B. Bolten, Director, OMB.

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS IMPROVE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on “Food for Thought: How to Improve Child Nutrition Programs.” Testimony was heard from Vice Adm. Richard H. Carmona, M.D., The Surgeon General, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Eric M. Bost, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA.; Betsy Clarke, Director, Women Infants and Children, Department of Health, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE—LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO REFORM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Legislative Efforts to Reform the U.S. Olympic Committee.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H. R. 2043, United States Financial Policy Committee for Fair Capital Standards Act; and H.R. 2622, Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003.

IMPROVE FEDERAL REORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT AND SPENDING

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Cutting Out Waste, Fraud, Mismanagement, Overlap and Duplication: Exploring Ideas for Improving Federal Reorganization, Management and Spending.” Testimony was heard from Patrick E. McFarland, Inspector General, OPM; and Paul L. Posner, Managing Director Strategic Issues, GAO.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1231, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums; and H.R. 1151, to provide that transit pass transportation fringe benefits be made available to

all qualified Federal employees in the National Capital Region; to allow passenger carriers which are owned or leased by the Government to be used to transport Government employees between their place of employment and mass transit facilities.

GAO HUMAN CAPITAL REFORM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization held a hearing on “GAO Human Capital Reform: Leading By Example.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: David M. Walker, Comptroller General; and Christopher A. Keisling, Employees Advisory Council; and public witnesses.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CRIMES

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Intellectual Property Crimes: Are Proceeds From Counterfeited Goods Funding Terrorism? Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary, Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security; Ronald K. Noble, Secretary General, INTERPOL; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2738, United States—Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act; H.R. 2739, United States—Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act; H.R. 49, amended, Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act; and H.R. 1303, amended, to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rule-making authority of the Judicial Conference.

OVERSIGHT—UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Technology and the House held an oversight hearing on the 1996 Unfunded Mandates Reform Act—“An Overview of Effectiveness and Opportunities for Enhancement.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman and Etheridge; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO.

SUPERCOMPUTING: IS THE U.S. ON THE RIGHT PATH?

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Supercomputing: Is the U.S. on the Right Path? Testimony was heard from Raymond L. Orbach, Director, Office of Science, Department of Energy; Peter A. Freeman, Assistant Director, Computer and Information Science and Engineering Directorate, NSF; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action the following: General Services Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Capital Investment and Leasing Program and Courthouse related resolutions; H.R. 2523, to designate the United States courthouse located at 125 Bull Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "Topmochichi United States Courthouse;" and H.R. 2274, to designate the United States courthouse at south Federal Place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse."

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
FIDUCIARY AND FIELD EXAMINATION
ACTIVITY**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Fiduciary and Field Examination Activity. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Robert J. Griffin, Inspector General; and Ronald J. Henke, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefit Administration; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HUNT FOR AL-QAIDA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hunt for al-Qaida. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**TRANSFER PHYSICAL AND ELECTRONIC
RECORD TO THE HOUSE REGARDING USE
OF FEDERAL AGENCY RECORDS—
INVOLVING TEXAS LEGISLATURE
MEMBERS**

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered adversely reported H. Res. 286, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution all physical and electronic records and documents in his possession related to any use of Federal agency resources in any task or action involving or relating to Members of the Texas Legislature in the period beginning May 11, 2003, and ending May 16, 2003, except information the disclosure of which would harm the national security interests of the United States.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JULY 17, 2003**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, proposed legislation making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, proposed legislation making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and proposed legislation making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine regulatory oversight of government sponsored enterprise accounting practices, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending Calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to resume hearings to examine the improved understanding of the governance of the Department of Energy laboratories, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the importation of exotic species and the impact on public health and safety, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine nursing home quality, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine benefits for U.S. victims of international terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to resume hearings to examine certain situations where parents must relinquish custody in order to secure mental health services for their children, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of James O. Browning, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Kathleen Cardone, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, James I. Cohn, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Frank Montalvo, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Xavier Rodriguez, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Jack Landman Goldsmith III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice; S.J. Res.1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United

States to protect the rights of crime victims, S. 1301, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit video voyeurism in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, and S. Con. Res. 53, honoring and congratulating chambers of commerce for their efforts that contribute to the improvement of communities and the strengthening of local and regional economies, S. 1416, to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement, S. 1417, to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement, and S. 1177, to ensure the collection of all cigarette taxes, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Health Insurance Certificate Act of 2003, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Review of DOE's Radioactive High-Level Waste Cleanup Program, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following measures: H.R. 2548, Federal Property Asset Management Reform Act of 2003; and H. Res. 306, congratulating the New York Yankees on the occasion of their 100th anniversary, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing on "A New Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit: Is it Good for Seniors?" 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 2517, Piracy Deterrence and Education Act of 2003, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on "Advancing Justice Through Forensic DNA Technology," 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on "The Role of Strategic and Critical Minerals in Our National and Economic Security," 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 958, Hy-

drographic Services Amendments of 2003; H.R. 1204, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties; H.R. 2048, International Fisheries Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 2408, National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1598, Irvine Basin Surface and Groundwater Improvement Act of 2003; and H.R. 1732, Williamson County Water Recycling Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Research, hearing and markup of H.R. 2692, United States Fire Administration Authorization Act of 2003, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology, hearing on Endangered Farmers and Ranchers: the Unintended Consequences of the Endangered Species Act, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1560, Water Quality Financing Act of 2003; and H.R. 2557, Water Resources Development Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on Waste, Fraud and Abuse, 10 a.m., and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2739, United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act; and H.R. 2738, United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "First Responders: How States, Localities and the Federal Government Can Strengthen Their Partnership to Make America Safer," 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Thursday, July 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2658, Defense Appropriations, where Senator Harkin will be recognized to speak.

(At 3:40 p.m., Senators will meet in the Senate Chamber to proceed to the House of Representatives for a Joint Meeting of Congress, to begin at 4 p.m., to receive an address from Prime Minister Tony Blair.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 17

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 2691, Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (open rule, one hour of general debate); and

Joint Meeting to Receive the Prime Minister of Great Britain, Tony Blair.



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