

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 8:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, September 15, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11427.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on lessons learned regarding Operation Iraqi Freedom from Brigadier General Robert Cone, USA, Director, Operation Iraqi Freedom Joint Lessons Learned Collection Team; Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command; and General Gary Luck, USA (Retired), former Commander, U.S. Forces-Korea, Senior Advisor to the U.S. Joint Forces Command.

### PUBLIC LANDS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 849, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership, S. 511, to provide permanent funding for the Payment In Lieu of Taxes program, S. 432, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct and support research into alternative treatments for timber produced from public lands and lands withdrawn from the public domain for the National Forest System, and S.1582, to amend the Valles Preservation Act to improve the preservation of the Valles Caldera, after receiving testimony from Senator McCain; Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the

Environment; Chris Kearney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy Management and Budget; Dennis Well, City Manager, Williams, Arizona; Tony Gioia, Council Member, Camp Verde, Arizona; Harry Mendoza, McKinley County Commissioner, Gallup, New Mexico; and Jeffrey R. Ellis, Chemicals and Plastics Technology, Plantation, Florida.

### U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S.-China relations, focusing on China's rise in prominence in a geostrategic, political, commercial, cultural influence, human rights violations, Chinese military capability, and the state of China's economy, after receiving testimony from James A. Kelly, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Nicholas R. Lardy, Institute for International Economics, T. Kumar, Amnesty International USA, Harold Brown, and Kurt M. Campbell, each of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

### VA ENHANCED SERVICES INITIATIVE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs' Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Initiative, the effort to develop a roadmap relative to the allocation of capital resources within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), including developing market plans to address planning initiatives and space requirements, realignments and consolidations, after receiving testimony from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary, Robert H. Roswell, Under Secretary for Health, Everett Alvarez, Jr., Chairman, Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services Commission, and Jay Halpern, Acting Director of the National CARES Program Office, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 3075–3083; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 278, were introduced. **Page H8216**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8216–17**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

S. 111, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the na-

tional significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park, (H. Rept. 108–268); and

H.R. 1006, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wild-life species, amended, (H. Rept. 108–269).

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence during the morning prayer offered by the House Chaplain, Reverend Daniel Coughlin.

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**True American Heroes Act of 2003:** The House passed H.R. 1538, to posthumously award congressional gold medals to government workers and others who responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and perished and to people aboard United Airlines Flight 93 who helped resist the hijackers and caused the plane to crash, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Spirit of America, recognizing the tragic events of September 11, 2001, by voice vote.

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The House agreed to consider the bill under unanimous consent on September 10.

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**Establishment of a National Memorial for Victims of Terrorist Attacks:** The House passed H.R. 911, to authorize the establishment of a memorial to victims who died as a result of terrorist acts against the United States or its people, at home or abroad, by a voice vote.

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Pursuant to the unanimous consent agreement, the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Pombo, now printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and was agreed to by a voice vote.

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The House agreed to consider the bill under unanimous consent on September 10.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:44 a.m. and reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, and further that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16 for morning hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 17.

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**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 am. and adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing on H.R. 3039, Expanding Opportunities in Higher Education Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### E-911 IMPLEMENTATION ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on H.R. 2898, E-911 Implementation Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from John B. Muleta, Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications, FCC; Anthony Haynes, Executive Director, Emergency Communications Board, Department of Commerce and Insurance, State of Tennessee; Tim Berry, Treasurer, State of Indiana; and a public witness.

### OVERSIGHT—SS TOTALIZATION AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on “Should There Be a Social Security Totalization Agreement with Mexico?” Testimony was heard from Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA; Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 268, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the imposition of sanctions on nations that are undermining the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for Atlantic highly migratory species, including marlin, adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and that are threatening the continued viability of United States commercial and recreational fisheries. Testimony was heard from John H. Dunnigan, Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; David A. Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Fisheries, Department of State; and the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: John Considine, Director, Cargo Verification Division, Trade Compliance and Facilitation, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection; and Rear Adm. Jeffrey J. Hathaway, USCG, Director, Coast Guard Operations Policy, U.S. Coast Guard.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

*Committee on Government,* to consider the following measures: H. Con. Res. 71, recognizing the importance