

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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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.

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

of Ralph Bunche as one of the great leaders of the United States, the first African-American Nobel Peace Prize winner, an accomplished scholar, a distinguished diplomat, and a tireless campaigner of civil rights for people throughout the world; H. Con. Res. 262, expressing the sense of the Congress in support of the National Anthem "SingAmerica" project; H. Res. 262, supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; H. Res. 306, congratulating the New York Yankees on the occasion of their 100th anniversary; H. Res. 352, remembering and honoring the March on Washington of August 28, 1963; H.R. 1882, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the Arthur "Pappy" Kennedy Post Office; H.R. 1883, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office;" and H.R. 2452, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 339 Hicksville Road in Bethpage, New York, as the "Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building;" followed by a hearing entitled "Black Men and Boys in the District of Columbia and their Impact on the Future of the Black Family," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 15 through September 20,
2003

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2754, Energy and Water Development Appropriations. Also, pursuant to the order of July 30, 2003, Senate will debate a motion to go to conference on S. 3, Partial Birth Abortion Ban.

On *Tuesday*, at 9:30 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 17, FCC Media Ownership, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and certain nominations, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 16, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Harvey S. Rosen, of New Jersey, and Kristin J. Forbes, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement, and Peter Lichtenbaum, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, 10 a.m., SD-538.

September 16, Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine financial reconstruction in Iraq, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 17, to hold hearings to examine digital right management and privacy issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

September 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gwendolyn Brown, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Karen K. Bhatia, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

September 18, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine railroad shipper issues and S. 919, to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance competition among and between rail carriers in order to ensure efficient rail service and reasonable rail rates, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 17, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

September 18, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 213, to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, S. 1236, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to control or eradicate tamarisk in the western States, S. 1516, to further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to assess potential increases in water availability for Bureau of Reclamation projects and other uses through control of salt cedar and Russian olive, H.R. 856, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and H.R. 961, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 16, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Clean Water Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

September 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 17, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine West Africa and Latin America in relation to U.S. Energy Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: September 15, Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine defined benefit pension plans and the Pension Benefits Guaranty Corporation, focusing on specific changes that may be required within the current pension system to help ensure the financial stability of companies with underfunded pension liabilities, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.