

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to disagree to the House amendment to S. 3, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

The House passed H.R. 7, Charitable Giving Act of 2003.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11589–S11710*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1624–1635. **Page S11648**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1039, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–149) **Page S11647**

#### Measures Passed:

*U.S.-Bulgaria Relations:* Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 225, commemorating the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Bulgaria, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11706–07**

McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 1738 (to the preamble), to make a technical correction. **Page S11706**

*Celebrating the Life of Larry Doby:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 235, celebrating the life and achievements of Lawrence Eugene “Larry” Doby. **Page S11707**

**Interior Department Appropriations:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11605–10, S11624–30**

#### Adopted:

Burns/Dorgan Amendment No. 1724, in the nature of a substitute. (Amendment, as agreed to, will be considered original text for the purpose of further amending.) **Pages S11605–10**

#### Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1731, to prohibit the use of funds for initiating any new competitive sourcing studies. **Page S11624**

Reid Amendment No. 1732, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain lands located in Nye County, Nevada. **Page S11625**

Reid Amendment No. 1733, to provide for the conveyance of land to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the construction of affordable housing for seniors. **Page S11625**

Daschle Amendment No. 1734, to provide additional funds for clinical services of the Indian Health Service, with an offset. **Pages S11629–30**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 18, 2003. **Page S11708**

**Energy and Water Development Appropriations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the September 16, 2003 passage of H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, Senate agree to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S11605**

Reid/Domenici Amendment No. 1723, to make available funds for the Army Corps of Engineers for water restoration projects and facilities. **Page S11605**

**Partial-Birth Abortion Ban—House Message:** By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 351), Senate agreed to the motion to disagree to the House amendment to S. 3, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion. **Pages S11589–S11601, S11614–20**

Subsequently, Senate agreed to the request for a conference. **Page S11620**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. EX. 352), R. David Proctor, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. **Pages S11620–21**

By unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. 353), Sandra J. Feuerstein, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Pages S11621–23**

Richard J. Holwell, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Stephen C. Robinson, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

P. Kevin Castel, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S11623**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

William Cabaniss, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

Louise V. Oliver, of the District of Columbia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-second Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Louise V. Oliver, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Roderick R. Paige, of Texas, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-second Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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**Messages From the House:** **Pages S11640–41**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S11641**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S11687–S11705**

**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S11705–06**

**Privilege of the Floor:** **Page S11706**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—353) **Pages S11620, S11621, S11622**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 8:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 18, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11708.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### DIGITAL MEDIA MARKETPLACE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing on digital rights management and privacy issues, focusing on interests of copyright owners and the threats to those interests that are posed by the misuse of new technologies, including peer-to-peer software, after receiving testimony from William Barr, Verizon Communications, Arlington, Virginia; James D. Ellis, SBC Communications Inc., San Antonio, Texas; John Rose, EMI Group and EMI Music, New York, New York; Lawrence J. Blanford, Philips Consumer Electronics North America, Atlanta, Georgia; Edward W. Felten, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; and Cary Sherman, Recording Industry Association of America, Alan Davidson, Center for Democracy and Technology, Jack Valenti, Motion Picture Association of America, and Chris Murray, Consumers Union, all of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gwendolyn Brown, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, who was introduced by Senator Stevens, Karen K. Bhatia, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs, and Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, who was introduced by Senator Specter, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.J. Res. 16, to approve the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia", and the