

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11711–S11727

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1636–1637. **Page S11723**

Measures Passed:

Honoring the Life of Johnny Cash: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 68, honoring the life of Johnny Cash. **Pages S11711–12**

Expressing the Sense of the Senate relative to NAFTA: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 119, expressing the sense of the Senate that there should be parity among the countries that are parties to the North American Free Trade Agreement with respect to personal exemption allowance from merchandise purchased abroad by returning residents, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11727**

National Housing Act Mortgage Insurance: Senate passed S. 1636, to preserve the ability of the Federal Housing Administration to insure mortgages under section 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act. **Page S11727**

Interior Department Appropriations: Senate continued 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 S11712–20**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1731, to prohibit the use of funds for initiating any new competitive sourcing studies. **Page S11712**

Reid Amendment No. 1732, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain lands located in Nye County, Nevada. **Page S11712**

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 S11712**

Daschle Amendment No. 1734, to provide additional funds for clinical services of the Indian Health Service, with an offset. **Page S11712**

Daschle Amendment No. 1739, to strike funding for implementation of the Department of the Interior's reorganization plan for the Bureau of Indian

Affairs and the Office of Special Trustee and to transfer the savings to the Indian Health Service.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2 p.m., on Monday, September 22, 2003. **Page S11727**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–49)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth M. Karas, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Kirk Van Tine, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Placed on Calendar:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:10 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, September 22, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11727.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 3138, was introduced. **Page H8400**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8400**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2120, to revise the banking and bankruptcy insolvency laws with respect to the termination and netting of financial contracts, and for other purposes. (H. Rept. 108–277 Pt. 1)

H.R. 2571, to provide for the financing of high-speed rail infrastructure, and for other purposes, with an amendment. (H. Rept. 108–278 Pt. 1)

H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes. (H. Rept. 108–279)

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dreier to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8385**

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS—RETROSPECTIVE LOOK

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 106, recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month"; H. Con. Res. 270, supporting the goals and ideals of College Savings Month; H. Res. 357, Honoring the life and legacy of Bob Hope; H.R. 2075, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 West Blue Heron Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the "Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building"; H.R. 2533, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10701 Abercorn Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "J.C. Lewis, Jr. Post Office Building"; and H.R. 3068, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2055 Siesta Drive in Sarasota, Florida, as the "Brigadier General (AUS-Ret.) John H. McLain Post Office."

The Committee also held a hearing entitled "What Happened to GPRA? A Retrospective Look At Government Performance and Results." Testimony was heard from Clay Johnson, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; former Representative Richard Arney of Texas; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 22 through September 27,
2003

Senate Chamber

On *Monday and Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2691, Interior Department Appropriations with votes to occur on certain amendments.

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 Armed Services: September 24, to hold hearings to examine ongoing operations and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, 2:30 p.m., SD–106.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the report of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the United States Air Force Academy, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 23, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and restoring investor confidence, 10 a.m., SD–538.

September 23, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up the National Consumer Credit Reporting System Improvement Act of 2003, the Defense Production Reauthorization Act of 2003, and The Federal Transit Extension Act of 2003, 2 p.m., SD–538.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine counterterror initiatives in the terror finance program, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 23, 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