

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1474, Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act.

The House passed H.R. 3108, Pension Funding Equity Act of 2003.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Tuesday, October 14, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 3259–3286; and; 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 296–300, and H. Res. 392–394 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H9377–78

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1598, to amend the Reclamation Water and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, (H. Rept. 108–306);

H.R. 3076, to amend title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure graduate opportunities in postsecondary education, amended, (H. Rept. 108–307); and

H.R. 3077, to amend title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to enhance international education programs, amended, (H. Rept. 108–308).

H.R. 135, to establish the “Twenty-First Century Water Commission” to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs, amended, (H. Rept. 108–309, Part 1).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Ky Weekley, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Overland Park, Kansas.

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Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1474, to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation’s payments system, by voice vote.

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The conference report was considered under a unanimous consent agreement reached on Tuesday, October 7.

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Pension Funding Equity Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 3108, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions by a yeas-and-nays vote of 397 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 535.

Pages H9293–H9302, H9332

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

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