

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12859–S12905

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1758–1762. **Page S12888**

Class Action Lawsuits: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1751, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants. **Pages S12866–12887, S12905**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, October 22, 2003. **Page S12887**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Tuesday, October 21, 2003. **Page S12905**

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act—Conference Report: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2003, Senate will begin consideration of the conference report on S. 3, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion; that there be four hours of debate divided equally between the Majority Leader, or his designee, and Senator Boxer; and the Senate then vote on adoption of the conference report. **Page S12905**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 82 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 401), Margaret Catharine Rodgers, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida. **Page S12884**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S12888–12889**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Page S12889**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S12892**

Text of H.R. 3289, as Previously Passed: **Pages S12892–12905**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—401) **Page S12884**

Adjournment: Senate met at 1:30 p.m., and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, October 21, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12905.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FAMILY ELDER ABUSE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine confronting family neglect, abuse, and financial exploitation of disabled adults and elderly persons, including the "Find A Way" program, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Stein, Office of the San Diego County District Attorney, San Diego, California; Joseph K. Lofy, City of New Berlin Police Department, New Berlin, Wisconsin; Kenneth L. Connor, Wilkes and McHugh, P.A., Leesburg, Virginia; Joseph Snyder, Philadelphia Corporation for Aging, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of Adult Protective Service Administrators; Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik, Klawnsnik and Klawnsnik and Associates, Canton, Massachusetts; and Leanna Watts, Grayson, Georgia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3340–3351; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 73 and H. Con. Res. 307, were introduced. **Pages H9737–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9738**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res 407, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 73, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004 (H. Rept. 108–323); and

H.R. 1081, to establish marine and freshwater research, development, and demonstration programs to support efforts to prevent, control, and eradicate invasive species, as well as to educate citizens and stakeholders and restore ecosystems, amended, (H. Rept. 108–324, Pt. 1). **Page H9738**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Aderholt to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9689**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:43 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H9690**

Commending the National Endowment for Democracy: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 66, commending the National Endowment for Democracy for its contributions to democratic development around the world on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the National Endowment for Democracy. **Page H9691**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Sense of the House regarding the man-made famine in Ukraine in 1932–1933: H. Res. 356, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the man-made famine that occurred in Ukraine in 1932–1933 by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 563; **Pages H9692–94, H9705**

Honoring the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's ascension to the papacy: H. Res. 400, amended, honoring the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's ascension to the papacy by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 564; **Pages H9694–97, H9706**

California Missions Preservation Act: H.R. 1446, to support the efforts of the California Missions Foundation to restore and repair the Spanish colonial and mission-era missions in the State of California and to preserve the artworks and artifacts of these missions; **Pages H9697–99**

Repealing the reservation of mineral rights in Livingston Parish, Louisiana: H.R. 542, to repeal the reservation of mineral rights made by the United States when certain lands in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, were conveyed by Public Law 102–562; **Pages H9699–H9700**

International Fisheries Reauthorization Act of 2003: H.R. 2048, amended, to extend the period for reimbursement under the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and to reauthorize the Yukon River Restoration and Enhancement Fund; **Page H9700**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “to extend the period for reimbursement under the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and to reauthorize the Yukon River Salmon Act of 2000”. **Page H9700**

Edward O'Grady, Waverly Brown, Peter Paige Post Office Building Designation Act: S. 1591, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 48 South Broadway, Nyack, New York, as the “Edward O'Grady, Waverly Brown, Peter Paige Post Office Building”; **Pages H9700–02**

Brigadier General (AUS-Ret.) John H. McLain Post Office Building Designation Act: 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”; and **Pages H9702–03**

Amending title XXI of the Social Security Act: H.R. 3288, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to make technical corrections with respect to the definition of qualifying State by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 565. **Pages H9703–04, H9706–07**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:34 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H9704**

Privileged Resolution: The Chair ruled that the McDermott resolution to correct the Congressional Record of January 28, 2003, did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House under Rule 9. **Pages H9704–05**

Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Ms. Patricia W. Chang of San Francisco, California to the Commission on International Religious Freedom. **Page H9707**

Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965: The House agreed that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider H.R. 2535, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Public Works and

Economic Development Act of 1965, that the bill shall be considered as read for amendment; that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill, modified by the Blackburn amendment placed at the desk, shall be considered as adopted; that all points of order against the bill, as amended, shall be waived; that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate, and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions; and the Blackburn amendment shall be considered as read for purposes of this unanimous consent request.

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Energy Policy Act of 2003: Representative Markey announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003: Representative Woolsey announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit.

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Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003: Representative Brown of Ohio announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the medicare program and to strengthen and improve the medicare program.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9689.

Senate Referral: S. 300 was ordered held at the desk.

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Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BLACKOUTS, HURRICANES, AND OTHER DISASTERS—EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR MONEY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Government and Industry Efforts to Protect Our Money During Blackouts, Hurricanes, and Other Disasters.” Testimony was heard from Wayne A. Abernathy, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; Mark W. Olson,

member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 73, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

OFFSHORING OF HIGH-SKILLED JOBS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Offshoring of High-Skilled Jobs, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing regarding ongoing military operations and areas of key concern around the world, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine tax shelters, and the role of the Federal Government relative to the buying and selling of tax shelters, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, with Annexes, done at Montego Bay, December 10, 1982 (the “Convention”), and the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, with Annex, adopted at New York, July 28, 1994 (the “Agreement”), and signed by the United States, subject to ratification, on July 29, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 103–39), 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine U.S. energy security relating to West Africa and Latin America, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine criminal terrorism investigations and prosecutions relating to national security, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the United States National Arboretum, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Operation Iraqi Freedom: Outside Perspectives, 8 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Resetting and Reconstituting the Forces, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on C41 Interoperability: New Challenges in 21st Century Warfare, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on U.S.-China Ties: Reassessing the Economic Relationship, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Challenges and Opportunities for U.S. Policy in the Western Hemisphere, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 2723, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judgeship and Reorganization Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2907, Northern Arizona National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003; and H.R. 3247, Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 265, Mount Rainier National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 280, National Aviation Heritage Area Act; H.R. 532, Rancho Corral de Tierra Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act; H.R. 1014, Gateway Communities Cooperation Act; H.R. 1058, to

provide for an exchange of certain private property in Colorado and certain Federal property in Utah; H.R. 1594, St. Croix National Heritage Area Study Act; H.R. 1618, Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1629, Upper Missouri River Breaks Boundary Clarification Act; H.R. 1798, Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1862, Oil Region National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1964, Highlands Stewardship Act; H.R. 2424, National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2003; H.R. 2715, to provide for necessary improvements to facilities at Yosemite National Park; and S. 677, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Boundary Revision Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology, hearing entitled "Challenges that Small Businesses Face Accessing Homeland Security Contracts," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs physician and dentist compensation issues, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Middle East Issues, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Funding for First Responders: Ensuring That Federal Funds Are Distributed Intelligently," 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Tuesday, October 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 3, Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, with a vote to occur on adoption of the conference report following 4 hours of debate; following which, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1751, Class Action Lawsuits.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.J. Res 73, making further continuing appropriations (closed rule, one hour of debate).

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