

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

- Senate agreed to the Conference Report on S. 3, Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act.
- The House passed H.J. Res. 73, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004.
- The House passed H.R. 2535, Economic Development Administration Reauthorization Act of 2003.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12907–S12984

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1763–1772, and S. Res. 248. **Page S12969**

Measures Reported:

S. 1132, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance certain benefits for survivors of veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–169) **Page S12969**

Class Action Reform: Senate continued 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 S12948–63**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 22, 2003; following one hour of debate, the Senate will vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S12984**

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act—Conference Report: By 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 402), Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 3, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12914–12948**

- Messages From the House:** **Pages S12966–67**
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- Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Page S12984**
- Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—402) **Page S12984**
- Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:17 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 22, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12948.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MILITARY OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding ongoing military operations and areas of key concern around the world from Lieutenant General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Director for Operations, J–3, Major General Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., USA, Director for Intelligence, J–2, both of The Joint Staff; and Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

TAX SHELTERS

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine the current situation on tax shelters, and the role of the Federal Government relative to the buying and selling of tax shelters, receiving testimony from Senator Levin; Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, General Accounting Office; Pamela F. Olson, Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy, and Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, both of the Department of the Treasury; Eileen O'Connor, Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, Department of Justice; William J. McDonough, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and B. John Williams, Jr., Shearman and Sterling LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Robert V. Lally, Federman, Lally and Remis LLC, Farmington, Connecticut; Philip C. Cook, Alston and Bird LLP, Atlanta, Georgia; Michael Hamersley, Fair Oaks, California; Robert Schmidt, and Thomas Walsh, both of San Jose, California; Henry Camferdam, Jr., Indianapolis, Indiana; and an anonymous witness.

Hearing recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

U.N. CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing 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), after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral John E. Crowley, Jr., Chief Counsel and Judge Advocate General, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Admiral Michael G. Mullen, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; William H. Taft IV, Legal Adviser, and John F. Turner, Assistant Secretary of Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, both of the De-

partment of State; Mark T. Esper, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Negotiations Policy; Paul L. Kelly, Rowan Companies, Inc., Houston, Texas; and Randi Thomas, U.S. Tuna Foundation, Joseph J. Cox, Chamber of Shipping of America, and Vice Admiral Roger T. Rufe, Jr., U.S. Coast Guard (Ret.), The Ocean Conservancy, all of Washington, D.C.

U.S. ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded a hearing to examine U.S. energy security policy relating to West Africa and Latin America, focusing on prospects for increasing energy production in Latin America and West Africa, promoting a good investment climate, and oil imports, after receiving testimony from John R. Brodman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Energy Policy, Office of Policy and International Affairs; Matthew T. McManus, Acting Director of International Energy and Commodity Policy Office, Economic and Business Affairs Bureau, Department of State; and J. Robinson West, PFC Energy, David L. Goldwyn, Goldwyn International Strategies, LLC, and Marina Ottaway, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, all of Washington, D.C.

TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Justice efforts in the investigation and prosecution of terrorists, focusing on how anti-terrorism tools have been crucial to those efforts, and how they have helped prosecutors and agents in fighting the war on terrorism, after receiving testimony from Christopher A. Wray, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois (Chicago), and Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria), all of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3352-3372; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74, H. Con. Res. 308-310, and H. Res. 408-412, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Recess: The House recessed at 9:13 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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