

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**

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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.