

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13325–S13422

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1786–1793, S. Con. Res. 76–77. **Page S13377**

Measures Reported:

S. 1757, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–174) **Page S13377**

Measures Passed:

Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 247, to reauthorize the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S13420–22**

Foreign Operations Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2800, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13340–72**

Adopted:

McConnell Amendment No. 1978, to provide funding to protect and promote media freedoms in Russia. **Page S13344**

McConnell Amendment No. 1979, to provide authority to use economic assistance appropriations for “Transition Initiatives”. **Page S13344**

McConnell Amendment No. 1980, to permit USAID to modify the terms of guaranteed loans. **Page S13344**

McConnell (for Brownback) Amendment No. 1981, to require a report on the admission of refugees. **Page S13344**

Leahy Amendment No. 1982, of a technical nature. **Page S13344**

Leahy Amendment No. 1983, of a technical nature. **Page S13344**

Leahy Amendment No. 1984, of a technical nature. **Page S13344**

Leahy Amendment No. 1985, of a technical nature. **Page S13344**

Leahy Amendment No. 1986, to make available funds for administrative expenses of the United States Agency for International Development. **Page S13344**

Leahy Amendment No. 1987, to make funds available for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Colombia. **Page S13344**

Leahy (for Schumer/Clinton) Amendment No. 1988, to withhold funds for foreign assistance for nations that refuse to pay diplomatic parking tickets. **Page S13344**

McConnell (for Craig/Leahy) Amendment No. 1989, to facilitate a reforestation program in Afghanistan. **Pages S13345–46**

McConnell (for Domenici) Amendment No. 1990, to make available funds for construction and completion of a new facility. **Page S13346**

McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 1991, to provide assistance for the Ibn Khaldun Center for Development in Egypt. **Page S13346**

Sessions/Leahy Amendment No. 1993, to require that a portion of the funds appropriated for the Global AIDS Initiative shall be made available for injection safety and blood safety programs. **Pages S13346–47**

Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 2001, to make funds available for a United States contribution to UNAIDS. **Page S13365**

McConnell (for Voinovich) Amendment No. 2002, to require the Annual Report on International Religious Freedom to include a section on anti-Semitism and other religious intolerance. **Page S13365**

Reid (for Dodd) Amendment No. 2003, to provide assistance for the OAS Special Mission in Haiti to implement OAS Resolution 822 to restore democracy and hold elections. **Pages S13365–66**

Allard Further Modified Amendment No. 1995, to limit international military education and training funds from being made available for Indonesia. **Pages S13357–58, S13366**

Reid (for Feingold) Amendment No. 2004, to encourage the Government of Indonesia to meet the

conditions necessary for the normalization of military relations with the United States. **Pages S13366, S13368**

McConnell (for Lugar) Amendment No. 2005, to increase the maximum rate of post differentials and danger pay allowances for civilian employees of the United States Agency for International Development. **Page S13366**

Reid (for Daschle) Amendment No. 2006, to state the sense of Congress on the use of small, locally-owned air transport providers to provide for the delivery by air of assistance under the bill. **Page S13366**

McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 1973, to express the sense of Congress on the October 15, 2003 election in Azerbaijan and require a report on an investigation in Azerbaijan. **Page S13366**

Reid (for Feingold) Amendment No. 2007, to require a report on a USAID mission in Sierra Leone. **Pages S13366–67**

Reid (for Biden) Amendment No. 2008, to provide a clarification with respect to the availability of funds for a voluntary contribution to the International Atomic Energy Agency. **Page S13367**

McConnell (for Feingold) Amendment No. 2009, to require a report on a strategy for promoting stability and improving the quality of life in Somalia. **Page S13367**

McConnell (for Lugar) Amendment No. 2010, to provide for the designation of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria under the International Organizations Immunities Act. **Page S13367**

Reid (for Inouye) Amendment No. 2011, to provide funding for the Carter Center's Guinea Worm Eradication Program. **Page S13367**

Reid (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2012, to clarify the criteria to be considered in determining eligibility for Millennium Challenge assistance. **Page S13367**

McConnell (for Allen) Amendment No. 2013, to fund enhanced enforcement of intellectual property rights in foreign countries. **Page S13367**

McConnell (for Brownback) Amendment No. 2014, to set aside an amount for grants to media organizations to support broadcasting that promotes human rights and democracy in Iran. **Page S13367**

McConnell (for Brownback) Amendment No. 2015, to express the sense of the Senate on the development of democracy in Iran. **Page S13367**

Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 1998, to ensure that women and children have access to basic protection and assistance services in complex humanitarian emergencies. **Pages S13358–60**

Reid (for Dodd) Amendment No. 2016, to obtain assurances and a timetable for payments of U.S. contractors by the Egyptian Government. **Page S13367**

McConnell (for Lugar) Amendment No. 2017, to provide foreign assistance through a Millennium Challenge Account. **Page S13367**

McConnell (for Ensign) Amendment No. 2018, to make available funds to support democracy-building efforts for Cuba. **Pages S13367–68**

Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 2019, to make available funds for the World Health Organization's HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Cluster. **Page S13368**

McConnell (for Feingold) Amendment No. 2020, to provide funds to support the development of responsible justice and reconciliation mechanisms in central Africa. **Page S13368**

McConnell (for Brownback/Feinstein) Amendment No. 2021, to provide for the use of not less than \$3,000,000 by the Bridge Fund for certain programs in Tibet. **Page S13372**

Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 2022, of a technical nature. **Page S13372**

Reid (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 2023, to provide for the disclosure of prices paid for HIV/AIDS medicines in developing countries. **Page S13372**

McConnell (for Frist) Amendment No. 2024, to modify provisions relating to activities for the prevention, treatment, and control of HIV/AIDS. **Page S13372**

Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 414), Byrd Amendment No. 1969, to require that the Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority be an officer who is appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. **Pages S13360–64**

Pending:

DeWine Amendment No. 1966, to increase assistance to combat HIV/AIDS. **Pages S13340, S13347–49, S13368–72**

McConnell Amendment No. 1970, to express the sense of the Senate on Burma. **Page S13340**

Feinstein Amendment No. 1977, to clarify the definition of HIV/AIDS prevention for purposes of providing funds for therapeutic medical care. **Pages S13341–44**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the follow action:

Chair sustained a point of order that Dorgan Amendment No. 1994, to urge the President to release information regarding sources of foreign support for the 9–11 hijackers, was not germane to the bill, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S13349–52**

By 40 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 413), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion

suspend Rule XVI, with respect to Lugar Amendment No. 1974, to authorize appropriations for Foreign Relations and for Foreign Assistance, and to authorize Millennium Challenge Assistance. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of Rule XVI, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Pages S13352–57**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, October 29, 2003, where Senator Dorgan will be recognized to offer an amendment relative to the September 11th Commission, with 40 minutes equally divided on the amendment; following which, Senator McConnell, or his designee, be recognized to make a point of order against the amendment and that Senator Dorgan then be recognized to move to suspend Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate with respect to his amendment, with a vote on the motion to suspend to occur at approximately 10:40 a.m. **Page S13422**

Notice of Intent: A notice of intent was provided to suspend Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate for Dorgan Amendment No. 2000 to H.R. 2800, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act (listed above). **Page S13375**

National Consumer Credit Reporting System Improvement Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, but not before Monday, November 3, 2003, the Senate may proceed to the consideration of S. 1753, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act in order to prevent identity theft, to improve the use of and consumer access to consumer reports, to enhance the accuracy of consumer reports, to limit the sharing of certain consumer information, to improve financial education and literacy, providing for certain first-degree amendments and relevant second-degree amendments; that upon the disposition of the amendments the bill be read a third time and H.R. 2622, House companion measure, be discharged from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration; that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 1753, as amended, be substituted in lieu thereof; that the House bill be read a third time and the Senate vote on final passage of the bill with the preceding occurring without any intervening action or debate; that upon the disposition of H.R. 2622, S. 1753, be returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S13419**

Healthy Forests Restoration Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon disposition of the vote on the motion to

suspend Rule XVI with respect to the Dorgan amendment to H.R. 2800, Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape. **Page S13419**

Nomination Considered: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Charles W. Pickering, Sr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit **Page S13420**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, October 30, 2003. **Page S13420**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following protocol: Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Sri Lanka (Treaty Doc. No. 108–9)

The protocol was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S13422**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 88 yeas 8 nays (Vote No. Ex. 412), Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Pages S13326–40, S13422**

Messages From the House: **Page S13377**

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Privilege of the Floor: **Pages S13418–19**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—414) **Pages S13340, S13356, S13363–64**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:22 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 29, 2003. (For Senate's program, see

the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13422.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing on dietary supplements, focusing on current regulations to protect American consumers from potential adverse health risks associated with the use of certain supplements, after receiving testimony from Senators Hatch and Durbin; John M. Taylor, Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Howard Beales, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Terry Madden, United States Anti-Doping Agency, Colorado Springs, Colorado; David Seckman, National Nutritional Foods Association, and Charles W.F. Bell, Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.; Arthur Grollman, State University of New York at Stony Brook, New York; and Greg Davis, San Diego, California.

IRAN: SECURITY THREATS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine security threats and U.S. policy in relation to Iran, focusing on nuclear issues, Iraq, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Hezbollah, Al Qaeda, the range of possible Iranian threats, and the European initiative, after receiving testimony from Rich-

ard L. Armitage, Deputy Secretary of State; William H. Luers, United Nations Association of the United States of America, and Nasser Hadian, Columbia University, both of New York, New York; and Anthony H. Cordesman and Robert J. Einhorn, both of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing on the nominations of Claude A. Allen, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Allen, and Mark R. Filip, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, who was introduced by Senators Fitzgerald and Durbin, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Testimony was also received from Senators Sarbanes and Mikulski.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing on the nominations of Paul S. DeGregorio, of Missouri, who was introduced by Senator Bond, Gracia M. Hillman, of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Norton, Raymundo Martinez III, of Texas, who was introduced by Representative Reyes, and Deforest B. Soaries, Jr., of New Jersey, who was introduced by Senator Corzine, each to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3374–3384; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 75; H. Con. Res. 311–313, and H. Res. 414, 415, 419, and 420, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9981–83**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 2359, to extend the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification (H. Rept. 108–304, Pt. 2);

H. Con. Res. 268, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the imposition of sanctions on nations that are undermining the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for Atlantic highly migratory species, including marlin, adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and that are threatening the continued viability of United States commercial and recreational fisheries (H. Rept. 108–327);

H.R. 313, to modify requirements relating to allocation of interest that accrues to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund (H. Rept. 108–328);

H.R. 2766, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, amended (H. Rept. 108–329);

Conference report on H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–330);

H. Res. 416, providing for consideration of H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 108–331);

H. Res. 417, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 75, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004 (H. Rept. 108–332); and

H. Res. 418, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–333).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:46 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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

Reauthorizing certain school lunch and child nutrition programs: H.R. 3232, amended, to reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs for fiscal year 2004;

Pages H9824–26

Agreed to amend the title so as to read, “a bill to reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through March 31, 2004”.

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Recognizing Independent 529 Plan on the prepaid tuition plan for private higher education institutions: H. Res. 378, amended, recognizing Independent 529 Plan for launching a prepaid tuition plan that will benefit our Nation’s families who want to send their children to private colleges and universities;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read, “a resolution recognizing the more than 200 independent colleges and universities that together have addressed the need to help families pay for the increasing cost of attending college by creating the first nationwide prepaid tuition plan”.

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Supporting National Chemistry Week: H. Res. 395, recognizing the importance of chemistry to our everyday lives and supporting the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week;

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Recognizing the significance of the anniversary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship program: H. Con. Res. 279, recognizing the significance of the anniversary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program, and reaffirming the commitment to support the use of science in governmental decision making through such Program;

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Federal Employee Student Loan Assistance Act: S. 926, to amend section 5379 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the annual and aggregate limits on student loan repayments by Federal agencies—clearing the measure for the President;

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David Bybee Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2744, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 17th Street in Moline, Illinois, as the “David Bybee Post Office Building”;

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Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3175, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650

Cleveland Avenue, NW in Canton, Ohio, as the “Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building”;

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Ben R. Gerow Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3234, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Chestnut Street in Liberty, New York, as the “Ben R. Gerow Post Office Building”;

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Extending the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr.: S. 470, to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr.—clearing the measure for the President;

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Sense of Congress concerning nations that violate the measures adopted by ICCAT: H. Con. Res. 268, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the imposition of sanctions on nations that are undermining the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for Atlantic highly migratory species, including marlin, adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and that are threatening the continued viability of United States commercial and recreational fisheries;

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Extending the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee: H.R. 3249, to extend the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee;

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Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site Land Exchange Act: H.R. 1616, to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia; and

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Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003: H.J. Res. 63, amended, to approve the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia,” and the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands,” and otherwise to amend Public Law 99–239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99–239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023.

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Suspensions Postponed: The House completed debate on the following motions to suspend the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, October 29:

Expressing gratitude to the members of the U.S. Armed Forces who were deployed in Somalia in 1993: H. Con. Res. 291, expressing deep gratitude for the valor and commitment of the members of the

United States Armed Forces who were deployed in Operation Restore Hope to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Somalia in 1993; and

Pages H9839–41

Repudiating the anti-Semitic sentiments expressed by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad: H. Res. 409, repudiating the recent anti-Semitic sentiments expressed by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia, which makes peace in the Middle East and around the world more elusive.

Pages H9888–93

Suspension Failed—Basic Pilot Extension Act of 2003: The House failed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2359, amended, to extend the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification by a 2/3 yeas and nay vote of 231 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 570.

Pages H9893–98, H9965

Labor/HHS Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Obey announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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Flight 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act—Conference Report: The House passed H. Res. 377, the rule providing for the recommittal of the conference report on H.R. 2115, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, to the conference committee by a yeas-and-nays vote of 407 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 569.

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Energy Policy Act of 2003: The House agreed to the Markey 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 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 346 yeas to 59 nays, Roll No. 571.

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Later Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003: The House rejected the Woolsey 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 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 197 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 572.

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Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003: The House rejected the Brown of Ohio 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 by a yea-and-nay vote of 194 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 573. **Page H9967**

Later Representative Miller of Florida announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill. **Page H9967**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9821.

Senate Referrals: S. 1194 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, S. 1768 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and S. 1146 was referred to the Committee on Resources and the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H9978**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H9983–84.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing entitled “Financial Literacy Education: What Do Students Need To Know To Plan For The Future?” Testimony was heard from Dan Ianniciola, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Financial Education, Office of Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2443, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Manzullo and Oberstar.

CONFERENCE REPORT—INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a close rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 75, making further continuing appropriations for the 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.

AMERICAN JOBS CREATION ACT; RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2896, American Jobs Creation Act of 2003.

The Committee also reported, as amended, without recommendation H.R. 2571, Rail Infrastructure Development and Expansion Act for the 21st Century.

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Global War on Terrorism. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL, IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, October 29, 2003.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1122)

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. Signed on October 28, 2003. (Public Law 108-100).

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 29, 2003**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the future of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine the International Space Station, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Margaret DeBardeleben Tutwiler, of Alabama, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Afghanistan, and Louise V. Oliver, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization, and to be U.S. Representative to the 32nd and General Conference of UNESCO, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine challenges for U.S. policy toward Colombia, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 423, to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities, S. 1172, to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity prevention, proposed Head Start Improvement and School Readiness Act, proposed Human Services Reauthorization Act, proposed Pension Stability Act, proposed Health Care Safety Net Amendments Technical Corrections Act, and the nominations of Robert Lerner, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics, Leslie Silverman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and Stuart Ishimaru, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine intellectual diversity on America's college campuses, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing on S. 1770, to establish a voluntary

alternative claims resolution process to reach a settlement of pending class action litigation, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine competitive and economic effects of the Bowl Championship series on and off the field, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James B. Comey, of New York, to be Deputy Attorney General, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider the following measures: H.J. Res. 74, recognizing the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th anniversary for the important service it provides for the Nation; H.R. 1367, National Veterinary Medical Services Act; H.R. 2304, to resolve boundary conflicts in the vicinity of the Mark Twain National Forest in Barry and Stone Counties, Missouri, that resulted from private landowner reliance on a subsequent Federal survey; H.R. 3157, to provide for the designation of a Department of Agriculture disaster liaison to assist State and local employees of the Department in coordination with other disaster agencies in response to a federally declared disaster area as a result of a disaster; and H.R. 3217, to provide for the conveyance of several small parcels of National Forest System land in the Apalachicola National Forest, Florida, to resolve boundary discrepancies involving the Mt. Trial Primitive Baptist Church of Wakulla County, Florida, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Iraq Reconstruction and Stability Operations: The Way Forward, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on "The Pension Underfunding Crisis: How Effective Have Funding Reforms Been?" 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing on World Bank lending to Iran, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, oversight hearing entitled "Decision Time: A New Human Resources Management System at the Department of Homeland Security," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "Agency Compliance with FFMIA—Private Sector Views," 2:30 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "The Ongoing Tragedy of International Slavery and Human Trafficking: An Overview," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, joint hearing on the Challenge of Terrorism in Asia and the Pacific, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, to mark up H. Res. 390, recognizing the continued importance of the transatlantic

relationship and promoting stronger relations with Europe by reaffirming the need for a continued and meaningful dialogue between the United States and Europe, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on Central Asia: Terrorism, Religious Extremism, and Regional Stability, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 237, honoring the late Rick Lupe, lead forestry technician for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fort Apache Agency, for his dedication and service to the United States and for his essential service in fighting wildfires and protecting the environment and communities of Arizona; H.R. 154, to exclude certain properties from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources; H.R. 265, Mount Rainier National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 280, National Aviation Heritage Act; H.R. 421, Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Advancement Act of 2003; H.R. 506, Galisteo Basin Archaeological Sites Protection Act; H.R. 958, Hydrographic Services Amendments of 2003; 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. 1648, Carpinteria and Montecito Water Distribution Systems Conveyance Act of 2003; H.R. 1732, Williamson County Water Recycling Act of 2003; H.R. 1862, Oil Region National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1964, Highlands Stewardship Act; H.R. 2408, National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Act of 2003; H.R. 2425, Quinault Permanent Fisheries Fund Act; H.R. 2489, Cowlitz Indian Tribe Distribution of Judgment

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Committee on Science, hearing on NASA's Organizational and Management Challenges in the Wake of the Columbia Disaster, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2800, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, with a vote on the motion to suspend Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate relative to the Dorgan Amendment on the September 11th Commission to occur at approximately 10:40 a.m.; following which, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1904, Healthy Forests Restoration Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, October 29

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

(1) H.R. 1720, Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act;
(2) H.R. 1516, National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2003;
and

(3) H.R. 3365, Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act.

Consideration of motion to go to conference on H.R. 2989, Transportation and Treasury Departments Appropriations Act for FY 2004.

Consideration of H.J. Res. 75, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 (closed rule, one hour of general debate).

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2691, Interior Department Appropriations Act for FY 2004.

Rolled vote on H. Con. Res. 291, expressing deep gratitude for the valor and commitment of the members of the United States Armed Forces who were deployed in Operation Restore Hope to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Somalia in 1993.

Rolled vote on H. Res. 409, repudiating the recent anti-Semitic sentiments expressed by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the outgoing prime minister of Malaysia, which makes peace in the Middle East and around the world more elusive.

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