

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S13699–S13749*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1805–1811, and S. Res. 256. **Page S13711**

**Measures Passed:**

***Ocean Observation and Coastal System Act:*** Senate passed S. 1400, to develop a system that provides for ocean and coastal observations, to implement a research and development program to enhance security at United States ports, to implement a data and information system required by all components of an integrated ocean observing system and related research, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S13735–39**

***John F. Kennedy Center Authorization:*** Senate passed S. 1757, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S13739–40**

***Captive Wildlife Safety Act:*** Senate passed S. 269, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Page S13740**

***Marine Turtle Conservation Act:*** Senate passed S. 1210, to assist in the conservation of marine turtles and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries. **Pages S13741–42**

***Social Security Act Technical Corrections:*** Senate passed H.R. 3288, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to make technical corrections with respect to the definition of qualifying State, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13742**

***Veterans Day Founding City Declaration:*** Committee on Veterans Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 159, declaring Emporia, Kansas, to be the founding city of the Veterans Day holiday and recognizing the contributions of Alvin J. King and Representative Ed Rees to the

enactment into law of the observance of Veterans Day, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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***VA Survivor Benefits:*** Senate passed S. 1132, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance certain benefits for survivors of veterans, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S13743–49**

***Foreign Operations Appropriations Act—Agreement:*** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the October 28, 2003 agreement of the following amendments to H.R. 2800, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, be vitiated: **Page S13734**

Allard Further Modified Amendment No. 1995, to limit international military education and training funds from being made available for Indonesia. **Page S13734**

Reid (for Feingold) Amendment No. 2004, to encourage the Government of Indonesia to meet the D1180 conditions necessary for the normalization of military relations with the United States. **Page S13734**

***Nominations Confirmed:*** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Naomi Churchill Earp, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2005.

Leslie Silverman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2008. (Reappointment)

Stuart Ishimaru, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2007.

***Nominations Received:*** Senate received the following nomination:

Walter D. Kelley, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

***Nominations Discharged:*** The following nominations were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Paul S. DeGregorio, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term of two years. (New Position), which was sent to the Senate on October 3, 2003, from the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

Gracia M. Hillman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term of two years. (New Position), which was sent to the Senate on October 3, 2003, from the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

Raymundo Martinez III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term of four years. (New Position), which was sent to the Senate on October 3, 2003, from the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

Deforest B. Soaries, Jr., of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term of four years. (New Position), which was sent to the Senate on October 3, 2003, from the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 12:34 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, November 3, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13749.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### TRANSNATIONAL CRIME AND CORRUPTION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* on Thursday, October 30, 2003, Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine combating transnational crime and corruption in Europe, focusing on law enforcement working groups, mutual legal assistance treaties, and money laundering, after receiving testimony from Steven Pifer, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, and Steven Schrage, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, both of the Department of State; Bruce C. Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, and Grant D. Ashley, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Louise I. Shelley, American University Transnational Crime and Corruption Center, Washington, DC; and Rensselaer W. Lee III, Global Advisory Services, McLean, Virginia.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4 for morning hour debate.

## Committee Meetings

### U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC RELATIONS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Concluded hearings on United States-China Economic Relations and China's Role in the Global Economy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 3 through November 8, 2003

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday* at 11 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3289, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, Iraq and Afghanistan, and adopt the conference report at approximately 5 p.m.; following which, Senate will begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2691, Interior Appropriations, with a vote on adoption of the conference report, following 60 minutes of debate.

No earlier than *Thursday*, Senate will begin consideration of S. 150, Internet Tax Non-discrimination Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills, conference reports and certain nominations, when available.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* November 4, Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to resume hearings to examine financial reconstruction in Iraq, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

November 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the state of the banking industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* November 4, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Cheryl Feldman Halpern, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Elizabeth Courtney, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, Kirk Van Tine, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and Michael D. Gallagher, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

November 5, Full Committee, to hold open and closed hearings to examine aviation security, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

November 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Floyd Hall, of New Jersey, Louis S. Thompson, of Maryland, and Robert L. Crandall, of Texas, each to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak), 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

November 6, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine lunar exploration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* November 4, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William J. Hudson, of Virginia to be Ambassador to Tunisia, Margaret Scobey, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Syria, and Thomas Thomas Riley, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

November 4, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the current situation in North Korea, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

November 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marguerita Dianne Ragsdale, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Edward B. O'Donnell, Jr., of Tennessee, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, and Jon R. Purnell, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Uzbekistan, 9 a.m., SD-419.

November 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary Kramer, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Barbados and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Timothy John Dunn, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as

Deputy Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, and James Curtis Struble, of California, to be Ambassador to Peru, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* November 3, Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the extent and impact of alleged trading abuses in the mutual fund industry and regulatory reforms necessary to mitigate such practices in the future, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

November 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the report of the Presidential Commission on the U.S. Postal Service, 2 p.m., SD-342.

November 6, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense's improper use of first and business class airline travel, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* November 4, Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, to hold hearings to examine report from the President's New Freedom Commission on mental health relating to recommendations to improve mental health care in America, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* November 5, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* November 4, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine database security, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* November 6, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Chamber

To be announced.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* November 5, Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, hearing to review domestic policies affecting the specialty crop industry, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

November 6, full Committee, to review the application for contract market designation of the United States Futures Exchange LLC before the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* November 5, hearing on Sustaining Global Commitments: Implications for U.S. Forces, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* November 5, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings entitled "The Financial Collapse of HealthSouth," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 6, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Computer Viruses: The Disease, the Detection, and the Prescription for Protection," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* November 4 and 6, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearings entitled "Mutual Funds: Who's Looking Our for Investors?" 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

November 5, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Reforming Insurance Regulation—Making the Marketplace More Competitive for Consumers," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

November 5, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, joint hearing entitled "Protecting Homeowners: Preventing Abusive Lending While Preserving Access to Credit," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, November 6, to consider pending business, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 6, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations and the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, joint hearing on "First Responder Interoperability: Can You Hear Me Now?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, November 5, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on the Case for a Social Investment Fund for the Americas, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, November 5, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 521, Steel Industry National Historic Site Act; H.R. 1798, Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Act; and H.R. 2693, Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, November 4, to consider H.R. 1829, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2003, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, November 5, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, hearing on Mercury Emissions: State of the Science and Technology, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 5, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on H.R. 3245, Commercial Space Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 6, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on "What are the Administration Priorities for Climate Change Technology?" 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, November 5, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on "Financing Port Infrastructure—Who Should Pay?" 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, November 6, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing to Examine Recent Failure to Protect Child Safety, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, November 4, executive, briefing on Afghanistan Update, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

November 5, hearing on "Building Capabilities: The Intelligence Community's National Security Requirements for Diversity of Languages, Skills, and Ethnic and Cultural Understanding," 9 a.m., 334 Cannon.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: November 5, to hold hearings relating to rethinking the tax code, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

November 7, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings to examine the current employment situation, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Monday, November 3

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 4

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