

# 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.