

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.J. Res. 76, Continuing Appropriations.

House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization for FY 2004.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S14227–S14283*

**Measures Introduced:** Two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1839–1840, S. Res. 263, and S. Con. Res. 79. **Page S14271**

#### Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims. (S. Rept. No. 108–191)

S. 1637, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–192)

S. Res. 237, welcoming the public apologies issued by the President of Serbia and Montenegro and the President of the Republic of Croatia and urging other leaders in the region to perform similar concrete acts of reconciliation.

S. Res. 256, observing the 50th anniversary of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea, affirming the deep cooperation and friendship between the people of the United States and the people of the Republic of Korea, and thanking the Republic of Korea for its contributions to the global war on terrorism and to the stabilization and reconstruction of Afghanistan and Iraq.

S. Res. 258, expressing the sense of the Senate on the arrest of Mikhail B. Khodorkovsky by the Russian Federation.

S. 1317, to amend the American Servicemember's Protection Act of 2002 to provide clarification with

respect to the eligibility of certain countries for United States military assistance. **Page S14270**

#### Measures Passed:

**Continuing Appropriations:** Senate passed H.J. Res. 76, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S14228**

**Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act:** Senate passed H.R. 274, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S14279**

**Internet Tax Non-Discrimination Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 150, to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S14228–44**

#### Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 2136, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S14228–38**

Stabenow Amendment No. 2141 (to Amendment No. 2136), to express the sense of the Senate that the White House and all Executive Branch agencies should respond promptly and completely to all requests by Members of Congress of both parties for information about public expenditures. **Pages S14238–44**

**Commerce/Justice/State/The Judiciary Appropriations Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 1 p.m., on Monday, November 10, 2003, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2799, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. **Page S14244**

**Animal Drug User Fee Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 313, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs, clearing the measure. **Pages S14279–82**

**Executive Session—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during an executive session on Wednesday, November 12, 2003, each hour beginning on the hour of executive session be equally divided between the Majority Leader and the Democratic Leader, or their designees; and that any time not used by either side during the designated hour be given to the other side of the aisle. **Pages S14282–83**

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

Joseph Timothy Kelliher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2007.

Suede G. Kelly, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2004. **Page S14283**

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

Kiron Kanina Skinner, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Steven J. Law, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

J. Robinson West, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2007. **Page S14283**

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:55 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, November 10, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14283.)

## *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 3476–3484; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 323, were introduced. **Page H11133**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H11133–34**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3209, to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project (H. Rept. 108–356); and

Conference report on H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–357). **Pages H11010–H11118, H11132**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10981**

**National Defense Reauthorization Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1588, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces by a ye-and-nay vote of 362 yeas to 40 nays with two voting "present", Roll No. 617, after rejecting the Marshall motion to recommit the bill to the conference committee with instructions to include provisions that maximize the number of persons eligible for full concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans disability compensation by a ye-and-nay vote of 188 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 616. **Pages H10982–H11008**