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 Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:38 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 21, 2003. (For Senate's Program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S15316).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on an assessment of the current situation in Iraq from Vice Admiral Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director, and Jami Miscik, Deputy Director for Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the corporate governance of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), focusing on broker-dealer self-regulation, and regulatory autonomy with market sensitivity, after receiving testimony from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; and John S. Reed, New York Stock Exchange, New York, New York.

MUTUAL FUND INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, focusing on the Securities and Exchange Commission's examination authority, disclosure, recent enforcement efforts and Rule 2830, cash and non-cash compensation practices and arrangements, breakpoint discounts, late trading and market timing, and investor education, after receiving testimony from Stephen M. Cutler, Director, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission; Robert R. Glauber, National Association of Securities Dealers, New York, New York; and New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, Albany.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG REIMPORTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine prescription drug importation, focusing on public health threats posed by the importation of unapproved, adulterated and misbranded drugs, as well as counterfeit drugs from foreign and domestic sources that pose a threat to the health and safety of U.S. consumers, after receiving testimony from Senators Santorum and Stabenow; Representatives Gutknecht and Sanders; former Representative David Funderburk, on behalf of TREA Senior Citizens League, Alexandria, Virginia; Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty, St. Paul; John M. Taylor III, Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Carmen A. Catizone, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, Park Ridge, Illinois; Lewis Lubka, Fargo, North Dakota, on behalf of the Alliance for Retired Americans; and Donald MacArthur, European Association of Euro-Pharmaceutical Companies, Essex, England.

NORTHEAST BLACKOUT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia, concluded a hearing to examine the August 2003 Northeast blackouts and the Federal role in managing the Nation's electricity, focusing on events, actions, failures, and conditions that led to the blackout and caused it to effect such a large region, as well as questions relating to nuclear power operations and security of the grid control system, after receiving testimony from Pat Wood III, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; James W. Glotfelty, Director, Office of Electric Transmission and Distribution, Department of Energy; and Michehl R. Gent, North American Electric Reliability Council, Princeton, New Jersey.

U.S. TAX SHELTER INDUSTRY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine the role of professional organizations like accounting firms, law firms, and financial institutions in developing, marketing and implementing tax shelters, after receiving testimony from Mark Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Richard Spillenkothen, Director, Banking Supervision and Regulation, Federal Reserve System; William J. McDonough, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, Washington, D.C.; N. Jerold Cohen, Sutherland, Asbill, and Brennan, Atlanta, Georgia; John Larson, Presidio Advisory Services, San Francisco, California; Jeffrey

Greenstein, Quellos Group, LLC, Seattle, Washington; Raymond J. Ruble, and Thomas R. Smith, Jr., Sidley, Austin, Brown, and Wood, LLP, William

Boyle, Deutsch Bank AG, Domenick DeGiorgio, HVB America, Inc., all of New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 3540–3567; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 332–335, and H. Res. 460–461, were introduced.

Pages H11700–02

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H11702–03

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows today:

H.R. 2408, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges, amended (H. Rept. 108–385);

Conference report on 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 (H. Rept. 108–386);

H. Res. 456, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 108–387);

H. Res. 457, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany 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 (H. Rept. 108–388);

H. Res. 458, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–389); and

H. Res. 459, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–390).

Conference report on H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings security accounts and health savings accounts, to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and for other purposes, (H. Rept. 108–391).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bass to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H11657**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Msgr. Barry Knestout of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. **Page H11657**

Consideration of measures under suspension of the rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 449, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules by a voice vote. **Pages H11660–61**

Intelligence Authorization Act—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 264 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 649. **Pages H11661–63, H11667–78**

Agreed to H. Res. 451, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report by a voice vote. **Pages H11661–63**

Continuing Appropriations for fiscal year 2004: The House passed H.J. Res. 78, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 648. **Pages H11667–73, H11677**

Agreed to H. Res. 450, the rule providing for consideration of the measure by a yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 645. **Pages H11663–65**

Recess: The House recessed at 1 p.m. and reconvened at 1:35 p.m. **Page H11677**