

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2417, Intelligence Authorization Act, and the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2115, Federal Aviation Administration Authorization.

Senate and House agreed to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1904, Healthy Forests Restoration Act.

Senate and House passed H.J. Res. 79, Continuing Appropriations.

The House passed S. 1768, National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2004.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2622, Fair Credit Reporting Act.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S15325–S15511

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1912–1930, S. Res. 271–272, and S. Con. Res. 84–85.

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Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “The 2003 Joint Economic Report”. (S. Rept. No. 108–206)

S. 1522, to provide new human capital flexibility with respect to the GAO, with amendments.

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Measures Passed:

National Women’s History Museum Act: Senate passed S. 1741, to provide a site for the National Women’s History Museum in the District of Columbia.

Pages S15390–93

Recognition of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon: Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 246, expressing the sense of the Senate that November 22, 1983, the date of the restoration by the Federal Government of Federal recognition to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand

Ronde Community of Oregon, should be memorialized, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Employee Retirement Income Security Act Amendment: Senate passed S. 1929, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to extend the mental health benefits parity provisions for an additional year.

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Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1683, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2003, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 100, to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Civil Relief Act of 1940, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 1136, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Subsequently, S. 1136 was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S15499**

Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act: Senate passed S. 1567, to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the financial accountability requirements applicable to the Department of Homeland Security, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S15499–S15500**

Chief Justice John Marshall Commemorative Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1531, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S15500–02**

Gold Medal Award: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1821, to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Dorothy Height in recognition of her many contributions to the Nation, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S15502**

Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Advancement Act: Senate passed H.R. 421, to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S15502**

Southern Ute and Colorado Intergovernmental Agreement Implementation Act: Senate passed S. 551, to provide for the implementation of air quality programs developed in accordance with an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S15502–03**

Disaster Area Health and Environmental Monitoring Act: Senate passed S. 1279, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Frist (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2210, to require that health and safety programs be carried out in accordance with certain privacy regulations.

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National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 579, to reauthorize the National Transportation Safety Board, after

agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S15507–08**

Frist (for McCain/Hollings) Amendment No. 2211, to add provisions relating to accident and safety data classification and publication from H.R. 1527, as passed by the House of Representatives.

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American Jewish History Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 106, recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month". **Pages S15508–09**

American Education Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 272, designating the week beginning November 16, 2003, as American Education Week.

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U.S. Justices Salary Adjustments: Senate passed H.R. 3349, to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2004, clearing the measure for the President.

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Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 79, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, clearing the measure for the President.

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Intelligence Authorization Act—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany 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, clearing the measure for the President.

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Prior to this action, Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the conference report.

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Healthy Forests Restoration Act—Conference Report: Senate agreed to 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, clearing the measure for the President.

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Federal Aviation Administration Authorization—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2115, to

amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, clearing the measure for the President.

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Prior to this action, the pending Frist motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report failed was withdrawn.

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Energy Policy Act—Conference Report: Senate continued consideration of the conference report to accompany 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.

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By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 456), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the conference report.

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Senator Frist entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report failed.

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Continuing Appropriations—Amendment Modified: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the November 20, 2003 passage of H.J. Res. 78, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, Frist Amendment No. 2208, to make a technical correction, which was previously agreed to, was modified.

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Defense Production Reauthorization Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1680, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, with the following amendment:

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Frist (for Dodd) Amendment No. 2209, to modify the reporting requirements of the Secretary of Commerce relative to the impact of offsets on domestic contractors and lower tier subcontractors. **Page S15480**

Individuals With Disabilities Education 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, Senate begin consideration of S. 1248, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, with certain amendments to be proposed thereto; that upon disposition of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1350, House companion measure, that all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of S. 1248, be inserted in lieu thereof; the Sen-

ate then vote on final passage of H.R. 1350, and S. 1248 be returned to the Senate Calendar.

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Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug coverage program under the medicare program, to modernize, strengthen, and improve the medicare program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings accounts, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to abbreviated applications for the approval of new drugs and the importation of prescription drugs, at 10 a.m., on Saturday, November 22, 2003. **Page S15510**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lawrence T. Di Rita, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Jaymie Alan Durnan, of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Joseph Max Cleland, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2007.

April H. Foley, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for the remainder of the term expiring January 20, 2005.

Ann M. Corkery, of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Benjamin A. Gilman, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Walid Maalouf, of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Sanford Gottesman, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2005.

Diane M. Ruebling, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2005. (Reappointment)

C. William Swank, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2005. (Reappointment)

James M. Strock, of California, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2006.

Robert Hurley McKinney, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting for a term expiring October 27, 2004.

Franklin S. Van Antwerpen, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy. **Pages S15510–11**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

April H. Foley, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2007, which was sent to the Senate on April 10, 2003.

April H. Foley, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2007, which was sent to the Senate on May 14, 2003.

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Nominations Discharged and Placed on Calendar: Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations:

James McBride, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2008.

David Eisner, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Read Van de Water, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2006.

Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

Jose Antonio Aponte, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007.

Sandra Frances Ashworth, of Idaho, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2004.

Edward Louis Bertorelli, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2005.

Carol L. Diehl, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2005.

Allison Druin, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2006.

Beth Fitzsimmons, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2006.

Patricia M. Hines, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2005.

Colleen Ellen Huebner, of Washington, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007.

Stephen M. Kennedy, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2007.

Bridget L. Lamont, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2008.

Mary H. Perdue, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2008.

Herman Lavon Totten, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2008.

Public Health Service nomination beginning with Vincent A. Berkley and ending with James Syms.

Drew R. McCoy, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term of six years.

Carol Kinsley, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2006.

Susan K. Sclafani, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education.

Laurie Susan Fulton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2007.

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.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—456)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:28 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 22, 2003. (For Senate's Program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on S15510).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 230 nominations in the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1531, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall; and

The nominations of Alicia R. Castaneda, of the District of Columbia, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, and Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Energy's implementation of the Energy Employees Occupation Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000, focusing on providing assistance to DOE contract workers in their efforts to obtain State workers' compensation benefits, after receiving testimony from Senator Grassley; Robert G. Card, Under Secretary of Energy; Robert E. Robertson, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; John F. Burton, Jr., Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Leon Owens, Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International Union, Paducah, Kentucky; and David Michaels, George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Serv-

ices, former Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety, and Health, Richard Miller, Government Accountability Project, and Donald Elisburg, on behalf of the AFL-CIO and the Building and Construction Trades Department, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Arnold I. Havens, of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Nominations: of James C. Oberwetter, of Texas, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and David C. Mulford, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to India, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the Nominations: of James M. Loy, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, and Scott J. Bloch, of Kansas, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Steven J. Law, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee approved for reporting the following business items:

S. 1879, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to mammography quality standards;

S. 741, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 573, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1881, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make technical corrections relating to the amendments by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Jose Antonio Aponte, of Colorado, Sandra Frances Ashworth, of Idaho, Edward Louis Bertorelli, of Massachusetts, Carol L. Diehl, of Wisconsin, Allison Druin, of Maryland, Beth Fitzsimmons, of Michigan, Patricia M. Hines, of South Carolina, Colleen Ellen Huebner, of Washington, Stephen M. Kennedy, of New Hampshire, Bridget L. Lamont, of Illinois, Mary H. Perdue, of Maryland, Herman Lavon Totten, of Texas, each to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, David Eisner, of Maryland, and Carol Kinsley, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education, Read Van de Water, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, Drew R. McCoy, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, James McBride, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, Laurie Susan Fulton, of Virginia, and J. Robinson West, of the

District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, Susan K. Sclafani, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Vocational and Adult Education, and Steven J. Law, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, and a list of Public Health Service nominations.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Cynthia R. Church, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs), Lawrence B. Hagel, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, Alan G. Lance, Sr., of Idaho, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, Gordon H. Mansfield, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and Robert N. McFarland, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology).

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 78 public bills, H.R. 3568-3645; 4 private bills, H.R. 3646-3649; and 20 resolutions, H.J. Res. 79-81; H. Con. Res. 336-344, and H. Res. 462, 466-472, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows today:

H.R. 1629, to clarify that the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument does not include within its boundaries any privately owned property (H. Rept. 108-392);

H.R. 2896, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad, amended, (H. Rept. 108-393);

H. Res. 463, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (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 amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health sav-

ings security accounts and health savings accounts, to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, (H. Rept. 108-394);

Efforts to Rightsize the U.S. Presence Abroad Lack Urgency and Momentum (H. Rept. 108-395);

Conference report on H.R. 2622, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, (H. Rept. 108-396);

H.R. 2696, to establish Institutes to demonstrate and promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires, and restore the health of fire-adapted forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West, amended, (H. Rept. 108-397, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 464, providing for consideration of a joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress (H. Rept. 108-398);

H. Res. 465, 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. 108-399); and

H.R. 958, to authorize certain hydrographic services programs, to name a cove in Alaska in honor of the late Able Bodied Seaman Eric Steiner Koss, amended, (H. Rept. 108–400).

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Consideration of measures under suspension of the rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 456, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules by a voice vote.

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Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 286 yeas to 140 nays, Roll No. 656.

Pages H12159–72

Agreed to H. Res. 457, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, by voice vote.

Pages H12113–17

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

Highlands Stewardship Act: H.R. 1964, amended, to establish the Highlands Stewardship Area in the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania;

Pages H12118–21

Agreed to amend the title so as to read, a bill to assist the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania in conserving priority lands and natural resources in the Highlands region, and for other purposes.

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Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2003: H.R. 135, amended, to establish the “Twenty-First Century Water Commission” to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs;

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Conveyance of a decommissioned NOAA ship: H.R. 2584, amended, to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read, a bill to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, and for other purposes.

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Predisaster Mitigation Program Reauthorization Act of 2003: H.R. 3181, to amend the Robert T.

Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster mitigation program;

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United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2003: S. 1152, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H12129–33

Condemning the terrorist attacks in Istanbul, Turkey on November 15, 2003: H. Res. 453, amended, condemning the terrorist attacks in Istanbul, Turkey, on November 15, 2003, expressing condolences to the families of the individuals murdered and expressing sympathies to the individuals injured in the terrorist attacks, and standing in solidarity with Turkey in the fight against terrorism, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 657;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read, a resolution condemning the terrorist attacks on Istanbul, Turkey, on November 15 and 20, 2003, expressing condolences to the families of the individuals murdered and expressing sympathies to the individuals injured in the terrorist attacks, and expressing solidarity with Turkey and the United Kingdom in the fight against terrorism.

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Department of Veterans Affairs Long-Term Care and Personal Authorities Enhancement Act of 2003: S. 1156, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance the provision of health care for veterans, to authorize major construction projects and other facilities matters for the Department of Veterans Affairs, to enhance and improve authorities relating to the administration of personnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 658;

Pages H12137–57, H12173

Supporting the National Bone Marrow Program: H. Con. Res. 206, supporting the National Marrow Donor Program and other bone marrow donor programs and encouraging Americans to learn about the importance of bone marrow donation, by $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 663;

Pages H12157–59, H12226–27

Can-SPAM Act of 2003: S. 877, amended, to regulate interstate commerce by imposing limitations and penalties on the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail via the Internet, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 671;

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Fair Credit Reporting Act: Conference report on H.R. 2622, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer

records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, by a ye-and-nay vote of 379 yeas to 49 nays, with one voting "present", Roll No. 667. **Pages H12198–H12224, H12247**

Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003—Consideration of Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report 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 vote of 220 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 669. Following the vote on agreeing to the conference report, the House agreed to table the motion to reconsider by a ye-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 670.

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Rejected the Turner of Texas motion to recommit the conference report to the conference committee with instructions, by a recorded vote of 211 yeas to 222 noes, Roll No. 668.

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Agreed to H. Res. 463, the rule providing for consideration of the report, by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 205 noes, Roll No. 666, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 665.

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Agreed to H. Res. 459, the rule providing for same day consideration of the conference report, by a ye-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 660, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 659.

Pages H12174–81, H12224–25

Rule for consideration of continuing appropriations measure and/or general appropriations bills: The House agreed to H. Res. 458, the rule providing for same day consideration of a measure making further continuing appropriations for FY 2004 or a measure making general appropriations for FY 2004, by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 662, after agreeing to order the previous question on the resolution by a ye-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 661.

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National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2004: The House agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and pass S. 1768, to extend the national flood insurance program.

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Agreed to the Oxley amendment in the nature of a substitute by voice vote.

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Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 79, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004, by a ye-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 664.

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The resolution was considered under a unanimous consent agreement.

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:04 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

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National Prison Rape Reduction Commission: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed Ms. Brenda V. Smith of the District of Columbia to the Prison Rape Reduction Commission.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 25.

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Convening of the 2nd Session of the 108th Congress: The House passed by unanimous consent H. J. Res. 80, setting the convening day of the 2nd session of the 108th Congress as January 20, 2004.

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Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 339, providing for the sine die adjournment of the One Hundred Eighth Congress, First Session.

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National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization Act of 2003: The House by unanimous consent S. 579, to reauthorize the National Transportation Safety Board.

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Hometown Heroes Survivor's Benefits Act of 2003: The House passed by unanimous consent S. 459, amended to ensure that a public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or stroke while on duty shall be presumed to have died in the line of duty for purposes of public safety officer survivor benefits.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H12126, H12157, H12186, H12224, H12246, and H12247.

Senate Referral: S. 1561 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform; S. 1741 and S. 579 were ordered held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: 13 ye-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H12171-72, H12172-73, H12173, H12224, H12224-25, H12225-26, H12226, H12226-27, H12230, H12245-46, H12246, H12247, H12295, H12295-96, H12296-97, and H12297-98. There were no quorum calls.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H12312.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:32 a.m. on Saturday, November 22.

Committee Meetings

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on or before the legislative day of January 31, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following:

(A) A bill or joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, or any amendment thereto, or any conference report thereon; or

(B) A bill or joint resolution making general appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, any amendment thereto, or any conference report thereon.

CONVENING DAY FOR 2ND SESSION OF THE 108TH CONGRESS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H. J. Res. 464, appointing the day for the Convening of the Second Session of the One Hundred Eight Congress, equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit.

CONFERENCE REPORT—MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard Chairmen Thomas and Tauzin; Representatives Johnson of Connecticut, Rangel, Dingell, Pelosi, Jones of Ohio, Brown of Ohio, Pallone, Schakowsky, and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

BRIEFING—INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Intelligence Update on Iraq. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

HEALTHY FORESTS RESTORATION ACT

Conferees on Thursday, November 20, 2003, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to 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.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG, IMPROVEMENT, AND MODERNIZATION ACT

Conferees on Thursday, November 20, 2003, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug coverage program under the Medicare program, to modernize, strengthen, and improve the Medicare program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings accounts, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to abbreviated applications for the approval of new drugs and the importation of prescription drugs.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2800, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 24 through November 29, 2003

Senate Chamber

Senate's program is uncertain.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on the Judiciary: November 24, business meeting to consider H.R. 1437, to improve the United States Code, S. 1129, to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, S. 1602, to amend the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 to extend the

deadline for filing a claim to December 31, 2004, S. 1728, to amend the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 (Public Law 107-42; 49 U.S.C. 40101 note) to provide compensation for the United States Citizens who were victims of the bombings of United States embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998, the attack on the U.S.S. *Cole* on October 12, 2000, or the attack on the World Trade Center on February 26, 1993, on the same basis as compensation is provided to victims of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes on September 11, 2001, S. 1740, to amend the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 (Public Law 107-42; 49 U.S.C. 40101 note) to provide compensation for the United States Citizens who were victims of a terrorist-related laboratory-confirmed anthrax infection in the United States during the period beginning on September 13, 2001, through November 30, 2001, on the same basis as compensation is provided to victims of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes on September 11, 2001, and the nomina-

tions of Henry W. Saad, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Claude A. Allen, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Judith C. Herrera, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, F. Dennis Saylor IV, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Sandra L. Townes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Michele M. Leonhart, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement, and Domingo S. Herraiz, of Ohio, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House Chamber

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

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Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Saturday, November 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Saturday: Senate will consider the conference report to accompany H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug coverage program under the medicare program, to modernize, strengthen, and improve the medicare program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings accounts, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to abbreviated applications for the approval of new drugs and the importation of prescription drugs.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House will meet at 12:00 noon in pro forma session.

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