

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 5093, FY 2003 Interior Appropriations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6877–S6965*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2737–2749, and S. Con. Res. 128. **Page S6947**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 2740, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003. (S. Rept. No. 107–212)

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**Greater Access to Affordable Pharmaceuticals Act:** Pursuant to the order of July 16, 2002, Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 812, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide greater access to affordable pharmaceuticals, and began consideration of the bill.

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By unanimous consent, Senate agreed to the committee reported amendment, that the bill, as amended, be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, and that no points of order be considered waived by virtue of this agreement.

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The following amendments were proposed and considered as follows:

#### Adopted:

By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 179), Reid (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 4300 (to Amendment No. 4299), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S6890–S6909**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 180), Cochran/Breaux Amendment No. 4301 (to Amendment No. 4299), to protect the health and safety of Americans. **Pages S6909–30**

#### Pending:

Reid (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 4299, to permit commercial importation of prescription drugs from Canada. **Pages S6889–S6931**

Reid (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 4305 (to Amendment No. 4299), to clarify that section 1927 of the Social Security Act does not prohibit a State from entering into drug rebate agreements in order to make outpatient prescription drugs accessible and affordable for residents of the State who are not otherwise eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program. **Pages S6930–31**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 178), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 812, listed above.

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**Military Construction Appropriations:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 5011, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2709, Senate companion measure, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6931–34**

#### Adopted:

Feinstein/Hutchison Amendment No. 4306, to provide funding for certain military construction projects. **Page S6933**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 18, 2002, with a vote on final passage to occur at approximately 10:45 a.m.

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By prior unanimous consent, upon passage of the bill, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S6906**

**Corporate and Auditing Accountability, Responsibility, and Transparency Act Conferees:** Pursuant to the order of July 15, 2002, the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate to H.R. 3763, to protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws: Senators Sarbanes, Dodd, Johnson, Reed, Leahy, Gramm, Shelby, Bennett, and Enzi.

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**Executive Session:** Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Richard R. Clifton, of Hawaii, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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**Nomination Cloture Motion Filed:** A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination of Richard R. Clifton, of Hawaii, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Friday, July 19, 2002.

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**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the provisions of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, a letter declaring the temporary transfer of power to the Vice President of the United States; ordered to lie on the table. (PM–103)

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Transmitting, pursuant to the provisions of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, a letter declaring the resumption of duties as President of the United States; ordered to lie on the table. (PM104)

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Privilege of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—180)

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday,

July 18, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6965).

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service and the Plum Island Research Center, with respect to border security and scientific goals of the President's proposed Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Tom Ridge, Director, Homeland Security Transition Office, Office of Management and Budget; Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture; and Alfonso Torres, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine/New York State Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory, Ithaca, New York.

### MASS TRANSIT PROGRAMS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded oversight hearings to examine public mass transit systems, focusing on the reauthorization of certain programs within the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21), including the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program after receiving testimony from John D. Porcari, Maryland Department of Transportation, BWI Airport; Gloria McKenzie, Capital District Transportation Authority, Albany, New York; Lavada E. DeSalles, Sacramento, California, on behalf of the American Association of Retired Persons; Andrew J. Imperato, American Association of People with Disabilities, Washington, D.C.; Jessie Tehranchi, Birmingham, Alabama, on behalf of the Transportation Equity Network; and Faye Thompson, Fort Gay, West Virginia, on behalf of the Wayne County Community Service Organization, Inc.

### FTC REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Trade Commission, after receiving testimony from Timothy Muris, Chairman, and Sheila F. Anthony, Mozelle W. Thompson, Orson Swindle, and Thomas B. Leary, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Trade Commission; Charlie Mendoza, Association of American Retired Persons, Lawrence Sarjeant, United States Telecom Association, H. Robert Wientzen, Direct Marketing Association, Ari Schwartz, Center for Democracy and Technology, and Lou Cannon,