

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 11 sundry measures, including the Energy and Water Development Appropriations for fiscal year 2003.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8235–S8334

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2903–2912, and S. Res. 322–323. **Page S8300**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 3214, to amend the charter of the AMVETS organization.

H.R. 3838, to amend the charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States organization to make members of the armed forces who receive special pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger eligible for membership in the organization.

S. Res. 316, designating the year beginning February 1, 2003, as the “Year of the Blues”.

S. 1615, to provide for the sharing of certain foreign intelligence information with local law enforcement personnel, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1972, to amend the charter of the AMVETS organization.

S. 2127, for the relief of the Pottawatomie Nation in Canada for settlement of certain claims against the United States.

S. 2896, to enhance the operation of the AMBER Alert communications network in order to facilitate the recovery of abducted children, to provide for enhanced notification on highways of alerts and information on such children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8299–S8300**

Measures Passed:

Legal Counsel Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 323, to authorize testimony and representation in *Senator Mitch McConnell, et al. v. Federal Election Commission, et al.*, and consolidated cases. **Page S8327**

JFK Center Plaza Authorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 5012, to amend the John F. Kennedy

Center Act to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a project for construction of a plaza adjacent to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8328**

Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6101 West Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington, Minnesota, as the “Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8328**

Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. Processing and Distribution Center: Senate passed H.R. 3287, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 900 Brentwood Road, NE, in Washington, D.C., as the “Joseph Curseen, Jr. and Thomas Morris, Jr. Processing and Distribution Center”, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S8328–29**

Congratulating Lance Armstrong: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 315, congratulating Lance Armstrong for winning the 2002 Tour de France, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8329**

Mercury Reduction and Disposal Act: Senate passed S. 351, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the quantity of mercury in the environment by limiting the use of mercury fever thermometers and improving the collection and proper management of mercury, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8329–34**

Reid (for Jeffords/Smith (NH)) Amendment No. 4511, to make certain revisions to the bill. **Page S8333**

Department of the Interior Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 5093, making

appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S8235–38, S8239–45, S8246–50

Adopted:

Byrd (for Murray) Amendment No. 4493 (to Amendment No. 4472), to provide funds for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve in the State of Washington, with an offset. **Page S8236**

Burns (for Campbell) Amendment No. 4494 (to Amendment No. 4472), to modify the provision relating to transportation services to include Rocky Mountain National Park. **Page S8236**

Byrd (for Leahy) Amendment No. 4495 (to Amendment No. 4472), to permit the use of a single procurement contract by the Smithsonian Institution for a multi-year repair and renovation of the Patent Office Building, subject to the availability of annual appropriations. **Page S8236**

Burns (for Collins) Amendment No. 4496 (to Amendment No. 4472), to redistribute funds allocated for Atlantic salmon recovery. **Page S8236**

Byrd (for Graham/Nelson) Amendment No. 4497 (to Amendment No. 4472), to direct the Corps of Engineers to construct a portion of the modified water delivery project in the State of Florida. **Pages S8236–37**

Burns (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 4498 (to Amendment No. 4472), to make a technical change with respect to the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge. **Page S8237**

Burns (for Kyl) Amendment No. 4499 (to Amendment No. 4472), to require the Director of the National Park Service to report to Congress on the status of the Colorado River Management Plan. **Page S8237**

Pending:

Byrd Amendment No. 4472, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8235–38, S8239–45, S8246–50**

Byrd Amendment No. 4480 (to Amendment No. 4472), to provide funds to repay accounts from which funds were borrowed for emergency wildfire suppression. **Page S8235**

Daschle Modified Amendment No. 4481 (to Amendment No. 4480), to provide emergency disaster assistance to agricultural producers. **Pages S8235, S8237–38, S8239–45, S8246–50**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Daschle Modified Amendment No. 4481 (to Amendment No. 4480), listed above and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Tuesday, September 10, 2002. **Page S8245**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Tues-

day, September 10, 2002, with 60 minutes of debate remaining on Amendment No. 4481, with a vote to occur in relation to the amendment; that if a Budget Act point of order is raised and a motion to waive the Budget Act is successful, or if a tabling motion is made and is unsuccessful, without further intervening action or debate, the Senate then vote immediately on the amendment, that upon disposition of the amendment, the motion to reconsider then be laid upon the table; that upon the entering of this agreement, the cloture motion with respect to the Daschle amendment (listed above) be vitiated. **Page S8325**

Homeland Security Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 5005, to establish the Department of Homeland Security, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8255–80**

Adopted:

Reid (for Wellstone) Modified Amendment No. 4490 (to Amendment No. 4486), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8255–56**

Wellstone Amendment No. 4486 (to Amendment No. 4471), to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from contracting with any corporate expatriate. **Pages S8255–57**

By 87 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 210), Reid (for Boxer/Smith (N.H.)) Further Modified Amendment No. 4492 (to Amendment No. 4491), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8255, S8264–80**

Smith (N.H.) Amendment No. 4491 (to Amendment No. 4471), to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve flight and cabin security on passenger aircraft. **Pages S8255, S8280**

Pending:

Lieberman Amendment No. 4471, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8255–80**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Monday, September 9, 2002, following the vote on the nomination of Kenneth A. Marra, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S8325**

Authority for a Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Foreign Relations Committee be authorized to report an Executive Treaty on Friday, September 6, 2002, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate. **Page S8328**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with Liechtenstein on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 107–16).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and

referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S8325–26**

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Protocol Amending 1949 Convention of Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (Treaty Doc. 107–2);

South Pacific Environment Programme Agreement (Treaty Doc. 105–32) with one declaration; and

1990 Protocol to the 1983 Maritime Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region Convention (Treaty Doc. 103–5) with three reservations, one understanding, and one declaration. **Pages S8326–27**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Kenneth A. Marra, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, on Monday, September 9, 2002, at 1 p.m., with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S8329**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Pamela F. Olson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S8326, S8334**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David N. Greenlee, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bolivia.

Robin Renee Sanders, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Congo.

Anne B. Pope, of Tennessee, to be Federal Co-chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Richard J. Peltz, of Pennsylvania, to be Alternative Federal Co-chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission. **Page S8334**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S8294–95**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8312–16**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S8316**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S8325**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—210) **Page S8280**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, September 9, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8329).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OAK TREE MORTALITY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization concluded hearings to examine the decline of oak tree populations in southern states caused by prolonged drought and red oak borer insect infestation, after receiving testimony from Senator Carnahan; Tom Thompson, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, and Charles Richmond, Forest Supervisor, Ozark-St. Francis National Forest, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; John T. Shannon, Arkansas Forestry Commission, Little Rock, and Robert L. Krepps, Missouri Department of Conservation, Jefferson City, both of the National Association of State Foresters; Scott Simon, Nature Conservancy, Little Rock, Arkansas; James R. Crouch, Russellville, Arkansas, on behalf of the Ouachita Timber Purchasers Group, Ozark St. Francis Renewable Resource Council, Mark Twain Timber Purchasers Group, and the American Forest and Paper Association.

COLLEGIATE FINANCIAL LITERACY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine consumer debt among college students and the lack of financial literacy/education programs for America's youth, after receiving testimony from Representative Slaughter; Jonathan Miller, Kentucky Office of State Treasurer, Frankfort; Robert D. Manning, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York; Ellen Frishberg, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland; Natala K. Hart, Ohio State University, Columbus; and Michael E. Staten, Georgetown University McDonough School of Business, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of David McQueen Laney, of Texas, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak), and Roger P. Nober, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Laney was introduced by Senator Hutchison, and Mr. Nober was introduced by