

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House Passed 28 Measures under Suspension of the Rules.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9055–S9178

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2992–3000, and S. Con. Res. 146–147. **Page S9116**

Measures Passed:

National Mammography Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 326, designating October 18, 2002, as “National Mammography Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9177–78**

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 S9056–65, S9084–89, S9096–99, S9101–06

Adopted:

By 90 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 223), Lieberman/McCain Amendment No. 4694 (to Amendment No. 4471), to establish the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.

Pages S9056, S9084–88

Reid (for Baucus/Grassley) Amendment No. 4515 (to Amendment No. 4471), to provide funding for the construction of the Automated Commercial Environment computer system and to ensure the continuation of certain functions of the Customs Service.

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Reid (for Hollings) Amendment No. 4568 (to Amendment No. 4471), to provide that the review of transportation security enhancements required by section 170 include motor carriers, motor coaches, pipelines, highways, and hazardous materials transportation.

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Reid (for Feingold) Amendment No. 4565 (to Amendment No. 4471), to make changes to the Office for State and Local Government Coordination.

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Rejected:

By 28 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 222), Byrd Amendment No. 4644 (to Amendment No. 4471), to provide for the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security, and an orderly transfer of functions to the Directorates of the Department.

Pages S9056–65

Pending:

Lieberman Amendment No. 4471, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S9056–65, S9084–89, S9096–99, S9101–06

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following the cloture vote on Lieberman Amendment No. 4471, in the nature of a substitute, on Wednesday, September 25, 2002, if cloture is not invoked, the Senate remain on the bill, and Senator Gramm be recognized to offer an amendment; that there be two hours for debate, equally divided between Senators Gramm and Lieberman, or their designees; that at the conclusion of that time, the amendment continue to be debatable and Senator Daschle, or his designee be recognized. **Page S9178**

Department of the Interior Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of H.R. 5093, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 25, 2002, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on Byrd Amendment No. 4480 (to Amendment No. 4472), to provide funds to repay accounts from which funds were borrowed for emergency wildfire suppression; that, if cloture is not invoked, the Senate immediately vote on cloture on the Lieberman substitute amendment to H.R. 5005, Homeland Security Act; further, that Senators have until 10 a.m., to file second degree amendments. **Page S9178**

Tributes to Senator Thurmond—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Members have until Friday, October 4 at 12

noon to submit statements of tribute to Senator Thurmond; and that the tributes then be printed as a Senate document. **Page S9178**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Plan Colombia/Andean Counterdrug Initiative Semi-Annual Obligation Report" for Fiscal Year 2002: to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-112) **Page S9114**

Transmitting, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, a notice entitled "Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to UNITA" that was declared in Executive Order 12685; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-113) **Page S9114**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a periodic report on the National Emergency with Respect to National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) declared in Executive Order 12865 of September 26, 1993; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-114) **Page S9114**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alan G. Lance, Sr., of Idaho, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term of thirteen years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. **Page S9178**

Messages From the House: **Page S9114**

Executive Communications: **Pages S9114-16**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S9116-17**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
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Additional Statements: **Pages S9110-13**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S9136-77**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S9177**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S9177**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—223) **Pages S9065, S9088**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:25 a.m., and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 25, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9178).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

9/11 RESPONSE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Federal government's role and response to September 11 recovery efforts and steps the Environmental Protection Agency is taking to better prepare for and respond to any tragic events that may occur, after receiving testimony from Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, Marianne Horinko, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, and Jane Kenny, Regional Administrator, Region 2, all of the Environmental Protection Agency; Joe M. Allbaugh, Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Kerry Kelly, New York City Fire Department, Madelyn Wils, Community Board #1, Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, and Daniel L. Greenberg, Legal Aid Society, all of New York, New York; and Jack Reall, Ohio Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue Team, Sunbury.

IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on Iraq from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Carl W. Ford, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research; Rear Adm. Lowell E. Jacoby, Acting Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; and Rhys Williams, Director, Nuclear Non-Proliferation Division, Office of Intelligence, Department of Energy.

WEST NILE VIRUS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions to examine the emerging threat of the West Nile Virus, focusing on the adequacy of federal and state response to increasing disease incidence, and future challenges to respond to health threats posed by naturally occurring infectious diseases, also considering the safety of the nation's blood supply, and efforts to accelerate the development of a West Nile virus vaccine, after receiving testimony from Jesse Goodman, Deputy Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, and Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Fay W. Boozman, Arkansas Department of Health, Little Rock; John R. Lumpkin, Illinois Department of Public Health, Springfield; Sidney A. Houff, Loyola University Medical Center, Neuroscience and Aging Institute, Maywood, Illinois; and Nickie Monica, St. John the Baptist Parish, LaPlace, Louisiana.

SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the role of the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians with respect to American Indian Trust Fund Management Program reform, after receiving testimony from James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior; and Paul M. Homan, Washington, D.C., and Thom-

as N. Slonaker, Potomac, Maryland, both former Special Trustees for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

DC JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Court concluded hearings to examine the U.S. Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, focusing on issues of ideological balance and judicial nominations and confirmations, after receiving testimony from Abner J. Mikva, University of Chicago Law School, Illinois; Fred F. Fielding, Wiley, Rein, and Fielding, Bradford R. Clark, George Washington University Law School, and Michael H. Gottesman, Georgetown University Law Center, all of Washington, D.C.; and Christopher H. Schroeder, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 5430, 5432–5452; 1 private bill, H.R. 5453; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 477–482, and H. Res. 543, 544, 548, 549, were introduced. **Pages H6558–59**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5099, to extend the periods of authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to implement capital construction projects associated with the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins (H. Rept. 107–672);

H.R. 5109, to direct the Secretary of Energy to convey a parcel of land at the facility of the Southwestern Power Administration in Tupelo, Oklahoma, amended (H. Rept. 107–673);

H.R. 4919, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, amended (H. Rept. 107–674);

H.R. 3630, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park, amended (H. Rept. 107–675);

H.R. 4874, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to disclaim any Federal interest in lands adjacent to Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes in the State of Idaho re-

sulting from possible omission of lands from an 1880 survey (H. Rept. 107–676);

H.R. 4910, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, amended (H. Rept. 107–677);

H.R. 5032, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest, California, to authorize the use of the proceeds from such conveyances for National Forest purposes, amended (H. Rept. 107–678);

H.R. 5108, to authorize leases for terms not to exceed 99 years on lands held in trust for the Yurok Tribe and the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians (H. Rept. 107–679);

S. 1907, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the city of Haines, Oregon (H. Rept. 107–680);

H.R. 5431, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 (H. Rept. 107–681);

H. Res. 545, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1646, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003 (H. Rept. 107–682);

H. Res. 546, providing for consideration of H.R. 4691, to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities (H. Rept. 107–683); and

H. Res. 547, providing for consideration of H. Res. 540, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should complete action on H.R. 3762, the Pension Security Act of 2002; for consideration of H. Res. 544, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on permanency of pension reform provisions; and for consideration of H. Res. 543, expressing the sense of the House that Congress should complete action on H.R. 4019, making marriage tax relief permanent (H. Rept. 107-684). **Pages H6557-58**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Culberson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6475**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:03 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6478**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:07 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H6529**

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

100th anniversary of the 4-H Youth Development Program: H. Con. Res. 472, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the 4-H Youth Development Program (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 404);

Pages H6479-82, H6529-30

Honoring the American Gold Star Mothers and the Blue Star Mothers: H. Con. Res. 301, expressing the sense of Congress regarding American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated, Blue Star Mothers of America, Incorporated, the service flag, and the service lapel button (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 405);

Pages H6482-84, H6530-31

Extending the Provisions of the International Organizations Immunities Act to the European Central Bank: H.R. 3656, to amend the International Organizations Immunities Act to provide for the applicability of that Act to the European Central Bank;

Pages H6484-85

Welcome to Madame Chen, the First Lady of Taiwan: H. Res. 533, welcoming Madame Chen Wu Sue-jen, the first lady of Taiwan, to Washington, D.C. (agreed to by 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 406);

Pages H6485-87, H6531

Honoring the Heroism and Courage of Airline Flight Attendants: S. Con. Res. 110, honoring the heroism and courage displayed by airline flight attendants on a daily basis;

Pages H6487-88

Salt Lake City Museum of Natural History, Salt River Bay St. Croix, Virgin Islands and

Timpanogos Cave National Monument Provisions: S. 1240, amended, to provide for the acquisition of land and construction of an interagency administrative and visitor facility at the entrance to American Fork Canyon, Utah;

Pages H6488-91

Ratification of Agreement Between Aleut Corporation and United States for Former Navy Complex and Land on Adak Island: S. 1325, to ratify an agreement between the Aleut Corporation and the United States of America to exchange land rights received under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for certain land interests on Adak Island—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H6491-92

Inclusion of Pemberton's Headquarters in Vicksburg National Military Park: S. 1175, to modify the boundary of Vicksburg National Military Park to include the property known as Pemberton's Headquarters—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H6492-93

Extension of Endangered Fish Recovery Programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins: H.R. 5099, to extend the periods of authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to implement capital construction projects associated with the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins;

Page H6493

Conveyance of Land in Tupelo, Oklahoma to the Tri-County Indian Nations Community Development Corporation: H.R. 5109, amended, to direct the Secretary of Energy to convey a parcel of land at the facility of the Southwestern Power Administration in Tupelo, Oklahoma;

Pages H6493-94

George Washington Birthplace National Monument Boundary Adjustment: H.R. 3449, to revise the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument;

Pages H6494-95

100th Anniversary of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies: H. Con. Res. 419, requesting the President to issue a proclamation in observance of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies;

Page H6495

Fremont-Madison Irrigation District, Humboldt Project, Jicarilla Apache Reservation Water System, and Tom Green County Water Conveyance Provisions: H.R. 4708, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District, and for other purposes.";

Pages H6495-99

West Butte Road, Oregon Right-of-Way: H.R. 4953, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to grant to Deschutes and Crook Counties in the State of Oregon a right-of-way to West Butte Road;

Pages H6499–H6500

Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project, South Dakota Reauthorization: H.R. 4638, to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project;

Pages H6500–01

Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska Water Supply Study: H.R. 4938, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study to determine the most feasible method of developing a safe and adequate municipal, rural, and industrial water supply for the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska;

Page H6501

Burnt, Malheur, Owyhee, and Powder River Basins, Oregon Water Study: S. 238, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies on water optimization in the Burnt River basin, Malheur River basin, Owyhee River basin, and Powder River Basin, Oregon—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H6501–02

Santa Monica Mountains, California National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 640, to adjust the boundaries of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area—clearing the measure for the President;

Page H6502

Los Padres National Forest, California, Land Exchange: H.R. 4917, to provide for an exchange of lands with the United Water Conservation District of California to eliminate private inholdings in the Los Padres National Forest;

Pages H6503–04

Tonto and Coconino National Forests and Mendocino National Forest Provisions: H.R. 4919, amended, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona;

Pages H6504–06

Miami Circle Site, Gateway Communities Cooperation, Mount Nebo Wilderness Boundary, and Bainbridge Island Japanese American Memorial Provisions: S. 1894, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park;

Pages H6506–09

Golden Gate Recreation Area, Assistance to Schools in Yosemite National Park, Golden Chain Highway, John Muir National Historic Site, and San Gabriel River Watersheds Provisions: S. 941,

amended, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area;

Pages H6509–14

Allegheny Portage, Pennsylvania Railroad National Historic Site Boundary Revision: H.R. 4682, amended, to revise the boundary of the Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site;

Pages H6517–18

Tax Treatment Parity for Bonds Issued by the Government of American Samoa: H.R. 1448, amended, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa;

Pages H6518–19

Vancouver, Washington National Historic Reserve Funding Authorization: H.R. 2099, amended, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide adequate funding authorization for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve;

Pages H6519–20

Grand Teton Land Exchange, James V. Hansen Shoshone National Trail, McLoughlin House Preservation and William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Provisions: S. 1105, amended, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of State of Wyoming lands within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park;

Pages H6520–23

Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation: H.R. 1606, amended, to amend section 507 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize additional appropriations for historically black colleges and universities, to decrease the matching requirement related to such appropriations; and

Pages H6523–25

Commending Mary Baker Eddy's Achievements and the Opening of the Library for the Betterment of Humanity in Boston, Mass: H. Con. Res. 458, recognizing and commending Mary Baker Eddy's achievements and the Mary Baker Eddy Library for the Betterment of Humanity.

Pages H6527–28

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate to suspend the rules relating to the following measures. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Victims of Terrorist Attacks Memorial in Washington, D.C.: H.R. 2982, to authorize the establishment of a memorial within the area in the District of Columbia referred to in the Commemorative Works Act as "Area I" or "Area II" to the victims of terrorist attacks on the United States, to provide for the design and construction of such a memorial; and

Pages H6514–17

Historical Significance of 100 Years of Korean Immigration: H. Con. Res. 297, recognizing the historical significance of 100 years of Korean immigration to the United States. **Pages H6525–27**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Emergency re Angola: Message wherein he transmitted a 6-month report on the national emergency with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) that was declared in Executive Order 12865 of September 26, 1993—referred to the Committee on International Relations; **Pages H6528–29**

Continuation of National Emergency re National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA): Message wherein he transmitted a notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to the National Union for the total Independence of Angola (UNITA) is to continue in effect beyond September 26, 2002—referred to the Committee on International Relations; and **Page H6529**

Spending in Support of Plan Colombia: Message wherein he transmitted a report detailing the spending by the executive branch during the first two quarters of Fiscal year 2002 in support of Plan Colombia—referred to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–267). **Page H6529**

Motion to Instruct Conferees—Help America Vote Act: Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3295, Help America Vote Act to take such actions as may be appropriate to ensure that a conference report is filed on the bill prior to October 1, 2002. **Page H6532**

Discharge Petition: Representative Conyers moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 519, provide for consideration of H.R. 1343, to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6529–30, H6530–31, and H6531. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness and the Subcommittee on Select Education held a joint hear-

ing on “Homeland Security: Tracking International Students in Higher Education—Progress and Issues since 9/11.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General; and Jane Sposato, Assistant Deputy Executive Associate Commissioner, Immigration Services, INS; Stephen A. Edson, Acting Managing Director, Directorate of Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and a public witness.

CONSUMER PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 4678, Consumer Privacy Protection Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CAPACITY SWAPS BY GLOBAL CROSSING AND QWEST

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on entitled “Capacity Swaps by Global Crossing and Qwest: Sham Transactions Designed to Boost Revenues?” Testimony was heard from the following former officials of Global Crossing Ltd., Patrick Joggerst, President, Carrier Sales; and Roy Olofson, Vice President, Finance; and public officials.

Hearings continue October 1.

HOLOCAUST VICTIMS INSURANCE RELIEF ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on H.R. 2693, Holocaust Victims Insurance Relief Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Randall Marshall Bell, Special Envoy, Holocaust Issues, Department of State; Michael Kurtz, Assistant Archivist, Records Services, National Archives and Records Administration; Leslie Tick, Senior Staff Counsel, Department of Insurance, State of California; and a public witness.

COMBATING TERRORISM: PREVENTING NUCLEAR TERRORISM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans’ Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on Combating Terrorism: Preventing Nuclear Terrorism. Testimony was heard from Rensslear Lee, Research Associate, Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

**SENSE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS—
COMPLETE ACTION ON PENSION
SECURITY ACT; PERMANENCE OF PENSION
REFORM PROVISIONS; AND COMPLETED
ACTION MAKING MARRIAGE TAX RELIEF
PERMANENT**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing that H. Res. 540, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the 107th Congress should complete action on H.R. 3762, the Pension Security Act of 2002, shall be debatable in the House for one hour equally divided among and controlled by the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Ways and Means. The rule provides that H. Res. 540 shall be considered as read for amendment. The rule provides that H. Res. 544, Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives on permanency of pension reform provisions, shall be debatable in the House for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that H. Res. 544 shall be considered as read for amendment. The rule provides that H. Res. 543, expressing the sense of the House that Congress should complete action on H.R. 4019, making marriage tax relief permanent, shall be debatable in the House for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that H. Res. 543 shall be considered as read for amendment.

ABORTION NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by record vote of 7 to 3, a closed rule on H.R. 4691, Abortion Non-Discrimination Act of 2002, providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Waxman and Brown of Ohio.

**CONFERENCE REPORT—FOREIGN
RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1646, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representative Lantos.

STATE OF THE NATION'S ECOSYSTEMS

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on the "The State of the Nation's Ecosystems," The Heinz Center Report and Its Implications. Testimony was heard from Kim Nelson, Assistant Administrator, Office of Environmental Information, EPA; Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**ASSISTING INDIVIDUALS WITH
DISABILITIES**

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the role the Federal Government and small businesses are playing in assisting individuals with disabilities. Testimony was heard from W. Roy Grizzard, Assistant Secretary, Office of Disability Employment Policy, Department of Labor; former Representative Anthony L. Coehlo of California; and public witnesses.

**AIRLINE INDUSTRY—FINANCIAL
CONDITION**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Financial Condition of the Airline Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment approved for full Committee action H.R. 5428, Water Resources Development Act of 2002.

Joint Meetings

9/11 INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION

Joint Hearing: Senate Select Committee on Intelligence held joint hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine activities of the U.S. Intelligence Community in connection with the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, receiving testimony from Eleanor Hill, Staff Director, Joint Inquiry Staff; and members of the intelligence community.

Hearings will continue on Thursday, September 26.

REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA DEMOCRACY

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearing to examine Georgia's prospects for democratization, its security situation and how Washington can best promote the complementary goals of advancing democracy, human rights and economic liberty while leading the battle against international terrorism, after receiving testimony from B. Lynn Pascoe, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; Levan Mikeladze, Georgian Ambassador

to the United States of America, Washington, D.C.; Malkhaz Songulashvili, Baptist Union, Genadi Gudadze, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Ghia Nodia, Caucasus Institute for Peace, Development and Democracy, Tbilisi, Georgia; and Stephen Jones, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the status of the implementation of the Federal stem cell research policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to resume hearings to examine U.S. policy on Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine affordable housing production and working families, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine the state of tourism one year after September 11, 2001, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: with the Committee on Finance, to hold joint hearings to examine alternatives for financing the U.S. surface transportation system, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Finance: with the Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold joint hearings to examine alternatives for financing the U.S. surface transportation system, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to resume hearings to examine Iraq, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 830, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer; S. 2499, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish labeling requirements regarding allergenic substances in food; S. 1806, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to health professions programs regarding the practice of pharmacy; S. 969, to establish a Tick-Borne Disorders Advisory Committee; S. 2821, to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity prevention; the nominations of David Wenzel, of Pennsylvania, Marco A. Rodriguez, of California, Milton Aponte, of Florida, Glenn Bernard Anderson, of Arkansas, Barbara Gillcrist, of New Mexico, and Graham Hill, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, and Michelle Guillermin, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing to consider the nominations of Quanah Crossland Stamps, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services, and Philip N. Hogen, of South Dakota, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine asbestos litigation, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry, hearing on Civil Rights Program of the USDA for Farmer Program Participants, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to consider the following: H.R. 2037, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act; H.R. 4701, Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act; H. Res. 398, Recognizing the devastating impact of fragile X, urging increased funding for research on fragile X, and commending the goals of National Fragile X Research Day; the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act; a measure to regulate medical devices; and H.R. 4634, National Capital Area Physician Emergency Assistance Act, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on a measure Regarding the Transition to Digital Television, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Europe, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 468, Transatlantic Security and NATO Enhancement Resolution of 2002; H. Con. Res. 116, Recommending the integration of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); and H. Res. 253, Recommending the integration of the Republic of Slovakia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the following: H.R. 4869, Satellite Radio Freedom Act; and a measure to provide an Exemption From Local Taxation for Direct-To-Subscriber Satellite Service Providers, 12:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, hearing on H.R. 1198, Justice for United States Prisoners of War Act of 2001, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 992, to provide grants to local governments to assist such local governments in participating in certain decisions related to certain Indian groups and Indian tribes; H.R. 2345, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2001; and H.R. 5155, Native American Sacred Lands Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 4600, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low Cost, Timely Health Care (HEALTH) Act of 2002, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, to continue hearings entitled "Lost Jobs, More Imports: Unintended Consequences of Higher Steel Tariffs (Part II)," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following: Additional GSA Fiscal Year 2003 Capital Investment Lease Resolutions; H.R. 5083, to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in

Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse;" H.R. 5201, to designate the Federal building located at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green, Ohio, as the "Delbert L. Latta Federal Building;" H.R. 5335, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" and H.R. 5428, Water Resources Development Act of 2002, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 5093, Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on Byrd Amendment No. 4480 (to Amendment No. 4472), to provide funds to repay accounts from which funds were borrowed for emergency wildfire suppression; following which, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 5005, Homeland Security Act, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on Lieberman Amendment No. 4471, in the nature of a substitute.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 25

House of Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 4691, Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (closed rule, one hour of general debate);

Conference report on H.R. 1646, Department of State Authorization (rule waiving points of order);

H. Res. 540, urging action on H.R. 3762, the Pension Security Act of 2002 (closed rule, one hour of general debate);

H. Res. 544, urging the permanency of pension reform provisions (closed rule, one hour of general debate); and

Eddie Bernice Johnson motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3295, Help America Vote Act.



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