

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to H.R. 1646, Foreign Relations Authorization Act.

The House passed H.J. Res. 111, Making Continuing Appropriations.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2215, Department of Justice Authorization.

The House passed H.R. 4600, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low Cost, Timely Healthcare Act.

House Committee ordered reported the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 2003.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9355–S9560

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3007–3014, S.J. Res. 45, and S. Con. Res. 148. **Pages S9425–26**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 2595, to direct the Secretary of the Army to convey a parcel of land to Chatham County, Georgia.

H.R. 4044, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the State of Maryland and the State of Louisiana for implementation of a program to eradicate or control nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria.

H.R. 4727, to reauthorize the national dam safety program. **Pages S9425**

Measures Passed:

Technical Corrections: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 483, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1646. **Pages S9401–04**

Veterans' and Survivors Benefits Expansion Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4085, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2002, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled

veterans, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 4837, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9550**

Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 2237, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and improve authorities relating to compensation and pension benefits, education benefits, housing benefits, and other benefits for veterans, and to improve the administration of benefits for veterans, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9550–59**

Reid (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 4838, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9554**

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 S9371–S9401, S9404–12

Pending:

Lieberman Amendment No. 4471, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9371–S9401, S9404–12**

Gramm/Miller Amendment No. 4738 (to Amendment No. 4471), of a perfecting nature, to prevent terrorist attacks within the United States.

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Nelson (NE.) Amendment No. 4740 (to Amendment No. 4738, to modify certain personnel provisions. **Page S9371**

Daschle motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Governmental Affairs and that it be reported back forthwith with the pending Lieberman Amendment No. 4471, listed above, as amended.

Daschle Amendment No. 4742 (to the instructions of the motion to commit H.R. 5005 to the Committee on Governmental Affairs), of a perfecting nature, to prevent terrorist attacks within the United States.

Daschle Amendment No. 4743 (to Amendment No. 4742), to modify certain personnel provisions.

Daschle motion to reconsider the vote (Vote No. 227) by which cloture was not invoked on Gramm/Miller Amendment No. 4738 (to Amendment No. 4471), listed above. **Page S9408**

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

By unanimous-consent, Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the Daschle motion to reconsider the vote (Vote No. 225) by which cloture was not invoked on Lieberman Amendment No. 4471, listed above, and the motion to reconsider was then agreed to. **Page S9401**

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 226), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate, upon reconsideration, failed to approve the motion to close further debate on Lieberman Amendment No. 4471, listed above. **Page S9401**

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 227), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to approve the motion to close further debate on Gramm/Miller Amendment No. 4738 (to Amendment No. 4471), listed above. **Page S9408**

A second motion was entered to close further debate on Gramm/Miller Amendment No. 4738 (to Amendment No. 4471), listed above and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Monday, September 30, 2002. **Pages S9408–09**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2 p.m., on Monday, September 30, 2002. **Page S9559**

Foreign Relations Authorization Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1646, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S9401–04**

Continuing Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives from the House H.J. Res. 111, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, the resolution be read three times and passed. **Page S9549**

Intelligence Authorization—Additional Conferees: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the following additional conferees to H.R. 4628, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System: from the Committee on Armed Services—Senators Reed and Warner. **Page S9550**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Michelle Guillermin, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service.

Glenn Bernard Anderson, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2002.

Glenn Bernard Anderson, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2005. (Reappointment)

Milton Aponte, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2003.

Barbara Gillcrist, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2002.

Barbara Gillcrist, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2005. (Reappointment)

Graham Hill, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2002.

Graham Hill, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2005. (Reappointment)

Marco A. Rodriguez, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2002.

Marco A. Rodriguez, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2005. (Reappointment)

David Wenzel, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2004. **Pages S9549, S9559–60**

Messages From the House: **Page S9418**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S9427–33**

Additional Statements: Pages S9416–18
Amendments Submitted: Pages S9433–S9548
Authority for Committees to Meet: Pages S9548–49
Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
 (Total—227) Pages S9401, S9408

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 7:34 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, September 30, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9559).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 606, to provide additional authority to the Office of Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency; with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2928, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to modify provisions relating to the Lake Champlain basin; with amendments.

H.R. 1070, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out projects and conduct research for remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern in the Great Lakes; with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 3908, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act; with amendments.

H.R. 4807, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the property in Cecil County, Maryland, known as Garrett Island for inclusion in the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge; with amendments.

S. 2983, to authorize a project for navigation, Chickamauga Lock and Dam, Tennessee; with an amendment.

S. 2847, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes; with amendments.

S. 2897, to assist in the conservation of marine turtles and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries; with amendments.

H.R. 4044, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the State of Maryland and the State of Louisiana for implementation of a

program to eradicate or control nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria;

S. 2065, to provide for the implementation of air quality programs developed pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribes and the State of Colorado concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation;

S. 2975, to authorize the project for hurricane and storm damage reduction, Morganza, Louisiana, to the Gulf of Mexico, Mississippi River and Tributaries;

S. 2978, to modify the project for flood control, Little Calumet River, Indiana;

S. 2984, to authorize a project for environmental restoration at Smith Island, Maryland;

S. 2999, to authorize the project for environmental restoration, Pine Flat Dam, Fresno County, California;

H.R. 2595, to direct the Secretary of the Army to convey a parcel of land to Chatham County, Georgia;

H.R. 4727, to reauthorize the national dam safety program;

S. 2715, to provide an additional extension of the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001;

S. 2730, to modify certain water resources projects for the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint Rivers, Georgia, Florida and Alabama; and

S. 2332, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the "Nathaniel R. Jones Federal Building And United States Courthouse"; with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

U.S.-IRAQ POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine U.S. policy on Iraq, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State; and Madeleine K. Albright, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, Washington, D.C., and Henry A. Kissinger, Kissinger Associates, Inc., New York, New York, both former Secretaries of State.

INTERNET EDUCATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine the benefits and challenges of web-based education, growth in distance education programs and implications for federal education policy, and exploring the benefits and challenges of web-based education, after receiving testimony from Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues,

General Accounting Office; A. Frank Mayadas, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, New York, New York; Robert W. Mendenhall, Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Stephen G. Shank, Capella University, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

INTRA-TRIBAL LEADERSHIP DISPUTES AND TRIBAL GOVERNANCE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on intra-tribal leadership disputes and the role of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in resolving those disputes, after receiving testimony from Aurene M. Martin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Donna Marie Potts, Buena Vista Rancheria, Ione, California; and Derril Jordan, Stetson Law Office, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Stanley R. Chesler, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Daniel L. Hovland, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, James E. Kinkeade, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Linda

R. Reade, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa; and Freda L. Wolfson, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Estrada was introduced by Senators Warner and Allen, Mr. Chesler and Ms. Wolfson were introduced by Senator Corzine, Mr. Hovland was introduced by Senator Dorgan, Mr. Kinkeade was introduced by Senators Gramm and Hutchison, and Ms. Reade was introduced by Senators Grassley and Harkin.

LONG-TERM CARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues related to long-term health care, focusing on care options and current provisions of long-term care, and the role of the public sector in assuring the needs of the impending surge of the baby boom generation, after receiving testimony from Kathryn G. Allen, Director, Health Care-Medicaid and Private Health Insurance Issues, General Accounting Office; Shannon Broussard, Cajun Area Agency on Aging, Inc., Lafayette, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging; Lisa Yagoda, National Association of Social Workers, Washington, D.C.; and Kevin Stevenson, Silver Spring, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 5469–5498; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 488–491 and H. Res. 559–563, were introduced.

Pages H6775–77

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3765, to designate the John L. Burton Trail in the Headwaters Forest Reserve, California (H. Rept. 107–699).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. K. Eric Perrin of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 346 yeas to 58 nays, Roll No. 417.

Pages H6695, H6703–04

Department of Justice Authorization Conference Report:

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2215, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 400 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 422.

Pages H6743–51

Agreed to H. Res. 552, the rule waiving points or order against the conference report by voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 208 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 416.

Pages H6698–H6703

Motion to Instruct Conferees—Help America Vote Act:

The House agreed to the Eddie Bernice Johnson 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 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 385 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 418. The motion was debated on Sept. 25.

Pages H6704–05

Help Efficient, Accessible, Low Cost, Timely Healthcare Act:

The House passed H.R. 4600, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system by a yeas-and-nays vote of 217 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 421.

Pages H6720–43

Rejected the Conyers motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on the Judiciary and Energy and Commerce with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment that provides that the Act will not preempt or supersede any state law that provides for the liability of health maintenance organizations by a yeas-and-nays vote of 193 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 420.

Pages H6741–43

Pursuant to the rule, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on the Judiciary and Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 107–693, Parts I and II), the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 107–697 was considered as adopted.

H. Res. 553, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 221 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 419.

Pages H6705–20

Making Continuing Appropriations: The House passed H.J. Res. 111, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 370 yeas to 1 nays, Roll No. 423.

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Earlier agreed to consider the joint resolution by unanimous consent.

Pages H6751–53

Legislative Program for the Week of Sept. 30:

The Chief Deputy Majority Whip announced the legislative program for the week of Sept. 30.

Pages H6768–69

Meeting Hour—Monday, Sept. 30:

Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30.

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Meeting Hour—Tuesday, Oct. 1:

Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1 for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, Oct. 2.

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Order of Business—Vacancies in the House in the Event of a Catastrophe:

Agreed that it be in order at any time to consider in the House H. Res. 559, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that each State should examine its existing statutes, practices, and procedures governing special elections so that, in the event of a catastrophe, vacancies in the House of Representatives may be filled in a timely fashion; that the resolution be considered as read for amendment; debatable for 90 minutes equally divided among and controlled by the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration, Representative Cox of California and Representative Frost of Texas; and that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution to final adoption without intervening motion.

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Late Reports—Committee on the Judiciary:

The Committee on the Judiciary received permission to have until midnight on Monday, Sept. 30 to file reports on H.R. 4561, Federal Agency Protection of

Privacy Act and H.R. 4125, Federal Courts Improvement Act. **Page H6770**

Late Report—Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure received permission to have until midnight on Monday, Sept. 30 to file a report on H.R. 5428, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States. **Page H6770**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hansen or if not available to perform this duty, Representative Thornberry to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through October 1, 2002. **Page H6770**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6703, H6703-04, H6704-05, H6719, H6742-43, H6743, H6750-51, and H6768. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW TOBACCO BUYOUT PROPOSALS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to Review Tobacco Buyout Proposals. Testimony was heard from Representatives Fletcher, Goode, Hill and McIntyre; and public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 2003.

The Committee also began markup of the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 2003.

Will continue October 1.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on U.S. Policy toward Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the Department of Defense: Richard Perle, Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy; and Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA (Ret.).

Hearings continue October 2.

EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR LAW—EMERGING TRENDS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a

hearing on “Emerging Trends in Employment and Labor Law: Examining the Need for Greater Workplace Security and the Control of Workplace Violence.” Testimony was heard from Eugene Rugala, Supervisory Special Agent, Critical Incident Response Group, FBI Academy, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

E-COMMERCE—STATE IMPEDIMENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “State Impediments to E-Commerce: Consumer Protection or Veiled Protectionism?” Testimony was heard from Ted Cruz, Director, Office of Policy Planning, FTC; and public witnesses.

U.S. AND MEXICO AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS—BORDER ENVIRONMENT COOPERATION COMMISSION AND NORTH AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5400, to authorize the President of the United States of America to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank.

ATTENTION DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDERS—ARE CHILDREN BEING OVERMEDICATED?

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders—Are Children Being Overmedicated?” Testimony was heard from Richard K. Nakamura, Acting Director, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PIRACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on “Piracy of Intellectual Property on Peer-to-Peer Networks.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SENSE OF CONGRESS RESOLUTION—ATLANTIC MARLIN—CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on

H. Con. Res. 427, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the imposition of sanctions on nations that are undermining the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for Atlantic marlin adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and that are threatening the continued viability of United States commercial and recreational fisheries. Testimony was heard from William Hogarth, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce and Federal Government Commissioner, International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); and public witnesses.

NATION'S HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT SYSTEMS STATUS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on the Status of the Nation's Highway and Transit Systems: Capital and Maintenance Needs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Mary E. Peters, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and Robert Jamison, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; and Kate Siggerud, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Information Technology (IT) program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Richard J. Griffin, Inspector General; and John A. Gauss, Assistant Secretary, Information Technology; and Joel C. Willemsen, Managing Director, Information Technology Issues, GAO.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY PROGRAMS' CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on Social Security Disability Programs Challenges and Opportunities, with emphasis on the implementation of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Martin Gerry, Deputy Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Programs; and Sarah Wiggins Mitchell, Chair, Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel; Charlene Dwyer, Administrator, Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Workforce Development, State of Wisconsin; Dan O'Brien, Program Manager, Ticket to Work and Community Rehabilitation, Department of Rehabili-

tation Services, State of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

9/11 INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION

Joint Hearing: Senate Select Committee on Intelligence continued 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, after receiving testimony from Dale L. Watson, Executive Assistant Director, Counterterrorism and Counterintelligence, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Cofer Black, former Director for Counterterrorist Center, Central Intelligence Agency.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, October 1.

SECURING AMERICA'S FUTURE ENERGY ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4, to enhance energy conservation, research and development and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, October 1.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, Admiral James O. Ellis, Jr., USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Strategic Command, Lieutenant General Michael W. Hagee, USMC, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commandant of the Marine Corps, Charles S. Abell, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Thomas Forrest Hall, of Oklahoma, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, and Charles E. Erdmann, of Colorado, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine the annual report of the Postmaster General, focusing on the Postal Service Transformation Plan, the progress of cleaning anthrax-contaminated postal facilities, and further steps the Postal Service

will take to reduce debt and increase financial transparency, 10 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy, hearing titled "An Oversight hearing to Review the Findings of the Commercial Activities Panel," 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 30 through October 5, 2002

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 5005, Homeland Security Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate will also consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriations bills and conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: October 3, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Nancy C. Pellett, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, 11 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 1, to hold hearings to examine the government's role in promoting the future of the telecommunications industry and broadband deployment, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

October 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine airlines viability in the current economic climate, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

October 3, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine park overflight regulations, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

October 3, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine Title IX, the equal treatment of women in education focusing on the sciences, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 30, Subcommittee on Transportation, Infrastructure, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the conditions and performance of the federal-aid highway system, 10 a.m., SD-406.

October 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine environmental standards for schools such as school siting in relation to toxic waste sites and green building codes, focusing on environmental and energy concerns relevant to school properties, 10 a.m., SD-406.

October 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the status and studies of the health impacts of fine particles which result from fuel combustion from motor vehicles, power generation, and industrial facilities, as well as from residential fireplaces and wood stoves, known as PM-2.5, focusing on those effects associated with power plant emissions, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Indian Affairs: October 1, business meeting to consider S. 2799, to provide for the use of and distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; S. 2743, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona; the nominations of Philip N. Hogen, of South Dakota, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, and Quanah Crossland Stamps, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services, and other pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: October 1, to resume joint hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine events surrounding September 11, 2001, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: October 1, to hold hearings to examine recent Supreme Court jurisprudence on federalism issues, 10 a.m., SD-226.

October 1, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine the detention and treatment of Haitian asylum seekers, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

October 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine protecting children from child pornography, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: October 3, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Bruce R. James, of Nevada, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office, 9 a.m., SR-301.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, October 2, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry, hearing on Invasive Species, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, October 1, to continue markup of the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 2003, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, October 2, to continue hearings on U.S. Policy towards Iraq, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, October 1, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on "Assuring Quality and Accountability in Postsecondary Education: Assessing the Role of Accreditation," 2:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

October 2, full Committee, hearing on "The Rising Price of a Quality Postsecondary Education: Fact or Fiction," 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, October 1, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings entitled "Capacity Swaps by Global Crossing and Qwest: Sham Transactions Designed to Boost Revenues?" 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

October 1, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Recording Industry Marketing Practices: A Check-up," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, October 1, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Chemical and Biological Equipment: Preparing for a Toxic Battlefield, 10 a.m., and, executive, to continue hearings on Chemical and Biological Equipment: Preparing for a Toxic Battlefield, 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

October 2 and 3, full Committee, hearings on "Americans Kidnapped to Saudi Arabia: Is the Saudi Government Responsible?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

October 3, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on "Responding to West Nile Virus: Public Health Implications and Federal Response," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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