

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4541–S4591

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 743–748, and S. Res. 101. Page S4557

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate During the 107th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 108–31)

Special Report entitled “Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services”. (S. Rept. No. 108–32) Page S4556

Measures Passed:

Small Business Drought Relief Act: Committee on Small Business was discharged from further consideration of S. 318, to provide emergency assistance to nonfarm-related small business concerns that have suffered substantial economic harm from drought, and the bill was then passed. Pages S4589–90

Dwight D. Eisenhower Statue Acceptance: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 84, providing for the acceptance of a statue of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, presented by the people of Kansas, for placement in the Capitol. Page S4590

Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. Page S4553

A fourth motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, April 2, 2003. Page S4553

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 112), Theresa Lazar Springmann, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. Pages S4552–53

Harold Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration (Prior to this ac-

tion, Committee on Small Business was discharged from further consideration of the nomination, which was then referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs, discharged from its consideration, and the nomination was then confirmed.) Pages S4590, S4591

Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

McGregor William Scott, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California for the term of four years.

39 Army nominations in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Text of H. Con. Res. 95, as Previously Agreed To:

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(Senate companion measure, S. Con. Res. 23, adoption on March 26, 2003 was vitiated):

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—112) Page S4553

Adjournment: Senate met at 3 p.m., and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Tuesday, April 1, 2003. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4591.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: DOD LABORATORIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2004, focusing

on the science and technology program and the role of the Department of Defense laboratories, after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; General Paul J. Kern, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command; General Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Commander, Air Force Materiel Command; and Vice Admiral Joseph W. Dyer, USN, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY ALLEGATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine allegations of sexual assault at the United States Air Force Academy and related recommendations, after receiving testimony from James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force; and General John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 1508–1525; 1 private bill, H.R. 1526; and; 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 44; H. Con. Res. 130–132, and H. Res. 167, were introduced. **Pages H2514–15**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2515**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Oversight Plans for all House Committees (H. Rept. 108–52); and H.R. 758, to allow all businesses to make up to 24 transfers each month from interest-bearing transaction accounts to other transaction accounts, to require the payment of interest on reserves held for depository institutions at Federal reserve banks, amended (H. Rept. 108–53).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Aderholt to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:48 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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

Honoring the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina for the Festival of Flight: H. Con. Res. 5, honoring the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and its many partners for the Festival of Flight, a celebration of the centennial of Wilbur and Orville Wright's first flight, the first controlled, powered flight in history (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 393 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 93);

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Jim Richardson Post Office Building, Charlotte, North Carolina: H.R. 1505, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

2127 Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the "Jim Richardson Post Office;"

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Northern Ireland Peace and Reconciliation Support Act: H.R. 1208, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for United States contributions to the International Fund for Ireland; and

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Small Business Development Centers Expanded Assistance to Indian tribe members, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians: H.R. 1166, to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 378 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 94).

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Suspension Failed—Small Pox Vaccination Compensation Fund Act: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1463, to provide benefits for certain individuals with injuries resulting from administration of a smallpox vaccine by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 184 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 92).

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:57 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Additional Conferees to Child Abduction Prevention Act: The following additional conferees to S. 151, Child Abduction Prevention Act, were appointed from the Committee on Education and the Workforce for consideration of section 8 of the Senate bill and sections 222, 305, and 508 of the House amendments and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hoekstra, Gingrey, and Hinojosa. And from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of section 303 and title IV of the House amendments, and

modifications committed to conference: Chairman Young of Alaska and Representatives Petri and Matheson.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2477.

Referrals: S. 330, was referred to the Committees on the Judiciary and Transportation and Infrastructure and S. Con. Res. 30 was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2504–05, H2505–06, and H2506. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DOD—BUSINESS SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION—STRENGTHENING OVERSIGHT

Committee on Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations and the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a joint hearing on Strengthening Oversight of DOD Business Systems Modernization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Randolph Hite, Director, Information Technology Architecture and Systems Issues; Gregory Kutz, Director, Financial Management and Assurance; and Darby Smith, Assistant Director, Financial Management and Assurance; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: JoAnn Boutelle, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; John R. Landon, Principal Director, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence Surveillance, Reconnaissance, Space and IT Programs; and Thomas Bloom, Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS).

HOMELAND SECURITY TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1416, Homeland Security Technical Corrections Act of 2003.

On March 28, the Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1416. Testimony was heard from Michael Dorsey, Director of Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2003

(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 Alzheimer's Disease, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up the fiscal year 2003 Supplemental Request, 2 p.m., S-128, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to resume hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on impacts of environmental laws on readiness and the related Administration Legislative Proposal, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for Navy and Marine Corps development, procurement priorities, and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ricky Dale James, of Missouri, and Rear Adm. Nicholas Augustus Prah, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, both to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, and Richard W. Moore, of Alabama, to be Inspector General, Tennessee Valley Authority, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine tax payer issues, focusing on public accountants and charitable car donations; to be followed by hearings on the nominations of Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Diane L. Kroupa, of Minnesota, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Robert Allen Wherry, Jr., of Colorado, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Harry A. Haines, of Montana, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine NATO enlargement, focusing on Brussels, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management, done at Vienna on September 5, 1997 (Treaty Doc.106-48), 9:45 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carolyn B. Kuhl, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Cecilia M. Altonaga, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Patricia Head Minaldi, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2003, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Cost Controls and Cost Drivers in Federal Transit Investments Panel, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on all major Department of Defense acquisition programs, and review the Department's plans for acquisition reform and future acquisition programs, 4 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request for the Special Operations Command, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on the U.S. Air Force report on sexual assault at the academy, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Select Education, hearing on the "Performance, Accountability, and Reforms at the Corporation for National and Community Service," 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the Energy Policy Act of 2003, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Opening Trade in Financial Services—The Chile and Singapore Examples," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "The National Flood Insurance Program: Review and Reauthorization," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, oversight hearing "Compensation Reform: How Should the Federal Government Pay Its Employees?" 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled: "Performance, Results, and Budget Decisions," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on U.S. Response to East African Families and the Future Outlook for Food Aid in Africa, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 49, Internet, Tax Nondiscrimination Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 1417, Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 135, Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2003; H.R. 495, Zuni Indian Tribe Rights Settlement Act of 2003; H.R. 901, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California; and H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin Demonstration project, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 735, Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act of 2003; and H.R. 522, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2003, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, to mark up H.R. 238, Energy Research, Development, Demonstration, and Commercial Application Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, joint hearing to Improve and Strengthen the SBA Office of Advocacy, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the Coast Guard's Move to the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines, hearing on Member Policy Initiatives and Project Requests for Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Sensitive Program, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Tuesday, April 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will consider the nomination of Timothy M. Tymkovich, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, with 6 hours for debate, to be followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 1

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of Suspensions:
H.R. 1412, The Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students (HEROES) Act;
H.R. 622, Coconino/Tonto National Forest Land Exchange Act;
H.R. 762, Reasonable Right-of-Way Fees Act;
H.R. 289, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Boundary Adjustments; and
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