

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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House Committee ordered reported the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2003.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4593–S4650

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 749–762, and S. Res. 102. **Page S4629**

Measures Reported:

S. 762, making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003. (S. Rept. No. 108–33)

S. 380, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4628**

Measures Passed:

Troop Phone Home Free Act: Senate passed S. 718, to provide a monthly allotment of free telephone calling time to members of the United States armed forces stationed outside the United States who are directly supporting military operations in Iraq or Afghanistan, after agreeing to the following amendment thereto: **Pages S4615–21**

McCain Amendment No. 434, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4615**

Selected Reserve Bonus Delay Alleviation: Senate passed S. 711, to amend title 37, United States Code, to alleviate delay in the payment of the Selected Reserve reenlistment bonus to members of Selected Reserve who are mobilized. **Pages S4647–48**

Survivor Benefits: Senate passed S. 712, to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide Survivor Benefit Plan annuities for surviving spouses of Reserves not eligible for retirement who die from a

cause incurred or aggravated while on inactive-duty training. **Pages S4647–48**

Death Gratuity Increase: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 704, to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the amount of the death gratuity payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4648**

Recognizing Sinking of USS Thresher: Senate agreed to S. Res. 102, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the sinking of the USS *Thresher* (SSN 593). **Pages S4648–50**

Wartime Supplemental Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 762, making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, April 2, 2003. **Page S4650**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 2, 2003 and that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form prior to the cloture vote on the nomination. **Page S4650**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Joint Convention On Safety Of Spent Fuel And Radioactive Waste Management (Treaty Doc. 106–48) (Ex. Rept. 108–5) **Pages S4628–29**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 58 yeas 41 nays (Vote No. Ex. 113), Timothy M. Tymkovich, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 7:13 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 2, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4650.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine Alzheimer's disease, focusing on increasing funding for Alzheimer's research, including ways to maintain the pipeline of basic scientific discovery to develop potential targets for treatment and prevention, develop better animal models of Alzheimer's that will more closely parallel humans, test the most promising potential targets for prevention in large-scale clinical trials, search for biomarkers that show evidence of disease and monitor its progress without having to wait for evidence from cognitive testing, and identify additional risk factors for Alzheimer's through genetics, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, National Institute of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Sheldon Goldberg, Alzheimer's Association, Washington, D.C.; Marilyn A. Albert, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association; Mary Jean Uptegraph, Dubuque, Iowa; Donald Kurtz, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the

Pennsylvania and the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; Mike Martz, St. Louis, Missouri; and Terrell Owens, Fremont, California.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from John Ashcroft, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

WARTIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 762) making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management support concluded 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, after receiving testimony from John P. Suarez, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency; H. Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks; William T. Hogarth, Assistant Administrator for National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Benedict S. Cohen, Deputy General Counsel, Environment and Installations, Department of Defense; Douglas H. Benevento, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver; David Mears, Washington State Office of the Attorney General, Olympia; Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Center for Naval Analysis, Alexandria, Virginia; Darlene R. Ketten, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts; Nina M. Young, The Ocean Conservancy, and Lenny Siegel, Center for Public Environmental Oversight, both of Washington, D.C.; Jamie R. Clarke, National Wildlife Federation, Reston, Virginia.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: NAVY/MARINE CORPS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Navy and Marine Corps

development, procurement priorities and Navy ship-building programs, after receiving testimony from Admiral Vernon E. Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; General Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; John J. Young, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition; and Vice Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Requirements, and Assessments.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Ricky Dale James, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, Richard W. Moore, of Alabama, to be Inspector General, Tennessee Valley Authority, who was introduced by Senator Sessions, and John Paul Woodley, Jr., to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TAXPAYER ISSUES

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine tax payer issues, focusing on the quality of service provided by paid preparers' and the importance of their role in the tax system, and charitable car donations, including how vehicle donations programs operate, the role of fundraisers and charities in the vehicle donations process, and IRS rules and regulations regarding allowable tax deductions, receiving testimony from James R. White, Director of Tax Issues, and Cathleen A. Berrick, Acting Director of Homeland Security and Justice, both of the General Accounting Office; Pamela J. Gardiner, Acting Inspector General for Tax Administration, and Dale F. Hart, Deputy Commissioner for Small Business/Self Employed Operating Division, and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both of the Internal Revenue Service, all of the Department of Treasury; and Jeffrey W. Yabuki, H&R Block, Kansas City, Missouri.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, Diane L. Kroupa, of Minnesota, who was introduced by Senators Coleman and Dayton, Robert Allen Wherry, Jr., of Colorado, and Harry A. Haines, of Montana, who was introduced by Senator Baucus, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NATO

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) enlargement strategy, focusing on the role of NATO in the war on terror and in the future of Iraq, after receiving testimony R. Nicholas Burns, United States Permanent Representative to NATO; and Ronald D. Asmus, German Marshall Fund, and Bruce P. Jackson, Project on Transitional Democracies, both of Washington, DC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management, (Treaty Doc. 106-48).

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Carolyn B. Kuhl, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Frist, Cecilia M. Altonaga, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Graham (FL), and Patricia Head Minaldi, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 1527–1552; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 133–134, and H. Res. 169, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 168, providing for consideration of H.R. 743, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections (H. Rept. 108–54).

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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

Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students (HEROES) Act: H.R. 1412, to provide the Secretary of Education with specific waiver authority to respond to a war or other military operation or national emergency (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 421 yeas with 1 voting nay, Roll No. 96);

Pages H2522–27, H2553–54

Business Checking Freedom Act: H.R. 758, amended, 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;

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Coconino/Tonto National Forest Land Exchange: H.R. 622, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, H.R. 762, Reasonable Right-of-Way Fees Act;

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Reasonable Right-of-Way Fees: H.R. 762, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Mineral Leasing Act to clarify the method by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture determine the fair market value of certain rights-of-way granted, issued, or renewed under these Acts;

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Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Boundary Adjustments: H.R. 289, amended, to expand the boundaries of the Ottawa National Wild-

life Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge; and

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Support for the Display of the Blue Star Banner and the Gold Star: H. Con. Res. 109, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Blue Star Banner and the Gold Star (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 97). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Blue Star Flag and the Gold Star.”

Pages H2538–42, H2554

Budget Resolution Conference: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013 and agreed to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees: Chairman Nussle and Representatives Shays and Spratt.

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By a recorded vote of 399 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 95, agreed to the Spratt motion to instruct conferees to (1) eliminate the reconciliation instruction to the Committees on Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans’ Affairs, and Ways and Means contained in section 201(b) of the House resolution; (2) recede to the Senate on section 319 (entitled “Reserve Fund to Strengthen Social Security”) of the Senate amendment; and (3) adjust the revenue levels by the amounts needed to offset the cost of the instructions set forth in (1) and (2), without resulting in any increase in the deficit or reduction in surplus for any fiscal year covered by the resolution.

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Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act—Order of Business: Agreed that it be in order at any time for the Speaker to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of H.R. 735, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived and general debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour. It shall be order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Government Reform now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–49). No other amendment shall

be in order except for amendment No. 1 by Representative Waxman and amendment No. 2 by Representative Tom Davis of Virginia printed in the Congressional Record. All points of order against the amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act—Order of Business: Agreed that it be in order at any time for the Speaker to declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of H.R. 522, to reform the Federal deposit insurance system. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived and general debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour. It shall be order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–50). No other amendment shall be in order except for amendment No. 1 by Representative Ose and amendment No. 2 by Representative Rohrabacher printed in the Congressional Record. All points of order against the amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H2517.

Referrals: S. 318 was referred to the Committee on Small Business.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed appear on page H2587.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2552–53,

H2553–54, and H2554. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2003.

TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Cost Controls and Cost Drivers in Federal Transit Investments-Panel. Testimony was heard from Jenna Dorn Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Thomas E. Margro, General Manager, Bay Area Rapid Transit, San Francisco, California; and Frank Krusi, President, Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago, Illinois.

DOD ACQUISITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on all major Department of Defense acquisition programs, and review the Department's plans for acquisition reform and future acquisition programs. Testimony was heard from E.C. "Pete" Aldridge, Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request for the Special Operations Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Marshall Billingslea, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict; and Harry E. Schulte, Acquisition Executive, U.S. Special Operations Command.

U.S. AIR FORCE REPORT—SEXUAL ASSAULT AT THE ACADEMY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on the U.S. Air Force report on sexual assault at the academy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the

Air Force: James Roche, Secretary; and Gen. John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

CORPORATIONS FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE—PERFORMANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY AND REFORMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Select Education held a hearing on the "Performance, Accountability, and Reforms at the Corporation for National and Community Service." Testimony was heard from Leslie Lenkowsky, Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service; and public witnesses.

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Began markup of the Energy Policy Act of 2003.

Will continue tomorrow.

OPENING TRADE IN FINANCIAL SERVICES—CHILE AND SINGAPORE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled "Opening Trade in Financial Services—The Chile and Singapore Examples." Testimony was heard from John B. Taylor, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; James E. Mendenhall, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Services, Intellectual Property, and Investment; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "The National Flood Insurance Program: Review and Reauthorization." Testimony was heard from Representatives Baker, Bereuter and Blumenauer; Anthony Lowe, Mitigation Division Director and Flood Insurance Administrator, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COMPENSATION REFORM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization held an oversight hearing "Compensation Reform: How Should the Federal Government Pay Its Employees?" Testimony was heard from Representative Ruppertsberger; Dan G. Blair, Deputy Director, OPM; Christopher J. Mihm, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—PERFORMANCE, RESULTS, AND BUDGET DECISIONS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management

held an oversight hearing entitled: "Performance, Results, and Budget Decisions." Testimony was heard from Donna McLean, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation; Paul Posner, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

FOOD AID IN AFRICA—FUTURE OUTLOOK

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Response to East African Families and the Future Outlook for Food Aid in Africa. Testimony was heard from Representative Wolf; the following officials of the Department of State: Alan P. Larson, Under Secretary, Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs; and Andrew Natsios, Administrator, AID; James G. Butler, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and Sheila Sisulu, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations World Food Programme; and a public witness.

INTERNET, TAX NONDISCRIMINATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 49, Internet, Tax Nondiscrimination Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COPYRIGHT ROYALTY AND DISTRIBUTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 1417, Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights and Associate Librarian, Copyright Services, Copyright Office of the United States, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ose, Doolittle, Linder and Solis; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: John W. Keys III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and Theresa Rosier, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs; the following officials of the State of California: Jeff Starsky, Councilman, City of Folsom; and Roger

Niello, Supervisor, Sacramento County; and public witnesses.

POSTAL CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDING REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Chairman Davis, but action was deferred on H.R. 735, Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act of 2003.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Testimony was heard from Chairman Oxley and Representatives Ose, Rohrabacher and Maloney, but action was deferred on H.R. 522, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2003.

SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Green of Texas or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shaw and Jefferson.

SBA OFFICE OF ADVOCACY—IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a joint hearing to Improve and Strengthen the SBA Office of Advocacy. Testimony was heard from Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD'S MOVE TO DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Coast Guard's Move to the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Adm. Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and JayEtta

Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines, hearings on Member Policy Initiatives and Project Requests for Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Schiff, Udall of Colorado, Emanuel, Forbes, Putnam, Sherman, Berman, Woolsey, Visclosky, Kilpatrick, Rogers of Alabama, Shays, Biggert, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Michaud, Nunes, McNulty, Royce and Honda.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BRIEFING—SENSITIVE PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Sensitive Program. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine an overview of the fiscal year 2004 Navy Budget, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the status of foster care in the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine aviation's safety and security issues, and financial challenges facing the aviation industry, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management and Office of Legacy Management, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine NASA manned space flight, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold oversight hearings to examine issues relating to military encroachment, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider original legislation entitled "Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2003", "Clean Diamond Trade Act", and "Tax Court Modernization Act", the nominations of Mark W. Everson, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Diane L. Kroupa, of Minnesota, Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, Harry A. Haines, of Montana,

Robert Allen Wherry, Jr., of Colorado, and Joseph Robert Goeke, of Illinois, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Raymond T. Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to resume hearings to examine foreign assistance oversight, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clay Johnson III, of Texas, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, Albert Casey, of Texas, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and James C. Miller III, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 231, to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools, proposed legislation entitled "Genetics Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2003", "Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act of 2003", "The Improved Vaccine Affordability and Availability Act", "Caring for Children Act of 2003", and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, 10 a.m., SR-485.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on NIH, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on GSA Building Cost Drivers, 10 a.m., and on OPM, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on EPA, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn, and 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the fiscal year national defense authorization budget request for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force tactical weapon system acquisition programs and future technology initiatives, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on Military Resale and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs Activities, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Education Reform, to mark up H.R. 1350, Improving Education Results for Children With Disabilities Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

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

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Rating the Rating Agencies: the State of Transparency and Competition," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up H.R. 1298, United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 1036, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on Nonimmigrant Student Tracking: Implementation and Proposed Modifications, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the Energy Security Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, to mark up H.R. 238, Energy Research, Development, Demonstration, and Commercial Application Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines, to continue hearings on Member Policy Initiatives and Project Requests for Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on local economic development association issues relating to reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 810, Medical Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive hearing on National Reconnaissance Program, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine arming rogue regimes, focusing on the role of OSCE participating states, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon Building.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHT CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 7 through March 31, 2003

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	47	32	..
Time in session	375 hrs., 12"	175 hrs., 58"	..
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Public bills enacted into law	2	8	10
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Bills in conference	1	1	..
Measures passed, total	99	130	229
Senate bills	21	4	..
House bills	4	41	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions	5	6	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	7	1	..
House concurrent resolutions	9	18	..
Simple resolutions	53	60	..
Measures reported, total	50	51	101
Senate bills	31	..	..
House bills	1	34	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	1	..
Simple resolutions	17	16	..
Special reports	5	1	..
Conference reports .....	..	1	..
Measures pending on calendar	35	12	..
Measures introduced, total	887	1869	2756
Bills	744	1526	..
Joint resolutions	11	44	..
Concurrent resolutions	31	132	..
Simple resolutions	101	167	..
Quorum calls	3	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	112	72	..
Recorded votes	21	..
Bills vetoed
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DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 7, 2003 through March 31, 2003

Civilian nominations, totaling 266, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	72
Unconfirmed	192
Withdrawn	2
Civilian nominations, totaling 1,064, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	852
Unconfirmed	212
Air Force nominations, totaling 5,279, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	4,474
Unconfirmed	805
Army nominations, totaling 1,252, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	625
Unconfirmed	627
Navy nominations, totaling 67, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	46
Unconfirmed	21
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,426, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,259
Unconfirmed	167
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	9,354
Total confirmed	7,328
Total unconfirmed	2,024
Total withdrawn	2
Total returned to the White House	0

* These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 32 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 53 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 2

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will consider S. 762, Wartime Supplemental Appropriations.

At 1:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, with a cloture vote to occur at 2 p.m. on the nomination; following which, Senate will continue consideration of S. 762 (listed above).

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 522, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2003 (modified closed rule, one hour of debate).

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