

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate and House agreed to the Conference Report on S. 151, Child Abduction Prevention Act.

The House agreed to the conference report on H. Con Res. 95, Budget Resolution for FY 2004.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5103–S5257*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 850–887, S. Res. 117–120, and S. Con. Res. 35.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 880, to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to reauthorize the Act, to improve early learning opportunities and promote school preparedness. (S. Rept. No. 108–37)

S. Res. 117, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Laborers' International Union of North America, and congratulating members and officers of the Laborers' International Union of North America for the union's many achievements, with a preamble.

S. 538, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care.

S. 703, to designate the regional headquarters building for the National Park Service under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building".

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#### Measures Passed:

**Clean Diamond Trade Act:** Senate passed H.R. 1584, to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Hatch (for Grassley) Amendment No. 529, in the nature of a substitute.

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**Lifespan Respite Care Act:** Senate passed S. 538, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care.

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**Posthumous Citizenship Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 783, to expedite the granting of posthumous citizenship to members of the United States Armed Forces, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 530, to permit the Secretary of Defense or the next-of-kin to file for posthumous citizenship to noncitizens who died while in active duty service in the Armed Forces.

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**Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act Extension:** Senate passed S. 870, to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to extend the availability of funds to carry out the fruit and vegetable pilot program.

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**Jim Richardson Post Office:** Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of 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", and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Child Abduction Prevention Act—Conference Report:** By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 132), Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 151, to prevent child abduction and the sexual exploitation of children, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Digital and Wireless Network Technology Program—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 196, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, at a time to be determined by the

Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader; that there be 1 hour for debate, that there be 5 minutes from the time under majority control for Senator McCain; that the only amendments in order be the committee-reported amendments and one technical amendment to be offered by Senator Allen; and that at the expiration or yielding back of time, the amendments be adopted, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of the bill. **Page S5254**

#### Appointments:

**John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:** The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, appointed Senator Hutchison to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, vice Senator Reid. **Page S5257**

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

Protocols to North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia (Treaty Doc. No. 108-4).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S5257**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 72 yeas 24 nays (Vote No. Ex. 133), Ross Owen Swimmer, of Oklahoma, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior. **Pages S5136, S5157-58**

Barry C. Barish, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S5136, S5254**

Delores M. Etter, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S5136, S5254**

Daniel E. Hastings, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.) **Page S5136, S5254**

Douglas D. Randall, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S5136, S5254**

Jo Anne Vasquez, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S5136, S5254**

Herbert Guenther, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term two years. (New Position)

Bradley Udall, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2006.

Malcolm B. Bowekaty, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2006.

Richard Narcia, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring August 25, 2006.

Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring May 26, 2007.

Ricky Dale James, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission for a term of nine years. (Reappointment)

Rear Adm. Nicholas Augustus Pahl, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of Section 2 of an Act of Congress, approved 28 June 1879 (21 Stat. 37) (22 USC 642).

Lino Gutierrez, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Argentina.

John W. Snow, of Virginia, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank; United States Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Roland W. Bullen, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Eric M. Javits, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

A. Paul Anderson, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2007.

April H. Foley, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2007.

David Hall, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2005.

Peter D. Keisler, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Robert Stanley Nichols, of Washington, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

C. Stewart Verdery, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security. (New Position)

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Army.

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—133) Pages S5156–57, S5158

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, April 11, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5135.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: FBI

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Gale A. Norton, Secretary, Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget, and John Trezise, Director, Office of the Budget, all of the Department of the Interior.

### APPROPRIATIONS: CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Corporation for National and Community Service and Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, after receiving testimony from Leslie Lenkowsky, Chief Executive Officer, and Michelle Guillermin, Chief Financial Officer, both of the Corporation for National and Community Service; and Tony T. Brown, Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury.

### APPROPRIATIONS: LOC

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Library of Congress and the Open World Russian Leadership Program, after receiving testimony from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Center for Russian Leadership Development; Donald L. Scott, Deputy Librarian of Congress; and Kenneth E. Lopez, Director of Security, Library of Congress.

### APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate, after receiving testimony

from Charles E. McQueary, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Linton F. Brooks, Acting Administrator, Kenneth E. Baker, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, Everet H. Beckner, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, and Admiral Frank L. Bowman, USN, Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

#### **NATO ENLARGEMENT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the military implications of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) enlargement, focusing on new members of NATO and its new capabilities, post-conflict Iraq, including the Iraqi economy and system of governance, after receiving testimony from Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense; General Peter Pace, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and General James L. Jones, USMC, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

#### **HEDGE FUNDS**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine recent developments in Hedge Funds (an investment company that uses high-risk techniques, such as borrowing money and selling short, in an effort to make extraordinary capital gains), focusing on investor protection implications, the differences between hedge funds and investment companies, regulation under the federal securities laws, and conflicts of interest, after receiving testimony from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### **FAA AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Aviation Administration, after receiving testimony from Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Read C. Van De Water, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, both of the Department of Transportation; and Gerald L. Dillingham, Director of Civil Aviation Issues, General Accounting Office.

#### **MEDIA VIOLENCE**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine neurobiological research and the impact of media violence on child health, after receiving testimony from Joanne Cantor, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Dale Kunkel, University of California Washington Center, Washington, D.C.; Michael Rich, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts; Daniel R. Anderson, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; and John P. Murray, Kansas State University, Manhattan.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING: COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee met to consider comprehensive energy legislation, focusing on provisions relating nuclear matters, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, April 29.

#### **ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water held oversight hearings to examine the designation of critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act, focusing on conservation benefits, legal implications, and economic impacts, receiving testimony from Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; Jeffrey Kightlinger, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles, on behalf of the Western Urban Water Coalition; John F. Kostyack, National Wildlife Federation, Reston, Virginia; David L. Sunding, University of California, Berkeley; Craig Douglas, Smith, Robertson, Elliott, and Glenn, Austin, Texas; and William J. Snape III, Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING: NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Marie Sophia Aguirre, of the District of Columbia, Elizabeth F. Bagley, of the District of Columbia, Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, Charles William Evers III, of Florida, Harold C. Pachios, of Maine, and Jay T. Snyder, of New York, each to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; William M. Bellamy, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya; Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey; Gregory W. Engle, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic; Ralph Frank, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia; Reno L. Harnish, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova; Helen R. Meagher La Lime, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique; Joseph LeBaron, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania; Stephen D. Mull, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania; Wayne E. Neill, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin; Pamela J. H. Slutz, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Mongolia; Stephen M. Young, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic; and Dennis L. Schornack, of Michigan, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the nomination of Peter Eide, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### IRAQI WAR CRIMES

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the 1949 Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Prisoners of War, focusing on Department of Defense policies with respect to the current conflict with Iraq, and Iraqi violations of the Convention, after receiving testimony from Pierre-Richard Prosper, Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues, Department of State; W. Hays Parks, Special Assistant, Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Army, Department of Defense; David J. Scheffer, United Nations Association of the United States of America, New York, New York; Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, Washington, D.C.; Ruth Wedgwood, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

#### AMERICAN HISTORY AND CIVICS EDUCATION ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings to examine S. 504, to

establish academics for teachers and students of American history and civics and a national alliance of teachers of American history and civics, after receiving testimony from Senator Byrd; Bruce Cole, Chairman, National Endowment of the Humanities; Eugene W. Hickok, Under Secretary of Education; James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; Diane Ravitch, New York University, New York; Blanche Deaderick, University of Memphis, Tennessee; David McCullough, West Tisbury, Massachusetts; and Russell Berg, Trumbull, Connecticut.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution (S. Res. 117) recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Laborers' International Union of North America, and congratulating members and officers of the Laborers' International Union of North America for the union's many achievements; and

The nominations of Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, and Charles F. Lettow, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Cecilia M. Altonaga, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Also, Committee began consideration of S. 274, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Bruce E. Kasold, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and John W. Nicholson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 58 public bills, H.R. 1708–1765; and; 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 48–50; H. Con. Res. 146–150, and H. Res. 193–196 were introduced.

Pages H3300–04

**Additional Cosponsors:**

Pages H3304–05

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on 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 (H. Rept. 108–71);

H. Res. 191, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany 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 (H. Rept. 108-72); and

H. Res. 192, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108-73). Pages H 3194-H3230, H3300

**Prosecutorial Remedies & Other Tools to end the Exploitation of Children Today (PROTECT) Act Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on S. 151, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the sexual exploitation of children by ye-a-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 25 nays with 2 voting "present," Roll No. 127. Pages H3066-76

Agreed to H. Res. 188, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report by voice vote. Pages H3059-66

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

**Fundamental Tax Reform:** Debated on April 9, H. Con. Res. 141, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 should be fundamentally reformed to be fairer, simpler, and less costly and to encourage economic growth, individual liberty, and investment in American jobs (agreed to by ye-a-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 128); and Pages H3076-77

**Support for a Lasting Settlement in Cyprus:** Debated on April 9, H. Res. 165, amended, expressing support for a renewed effort to find a peaceful, just, and lasting settlement to the Cyprus problem (agreed to by ye-a-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 129). Page H3077

**Energy Policy Act:** The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people. Further consideration will resume at a later date. Pages H3078-H3194, H3231-79

Agreed To:

Wilson of New Mexico amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that limits the surface acreage covered by production and support facilities, including airstrips and acres covered by gravel berms or piers for support of pipelines, on the Alaska Coastal

Plain to 2,000 acres (agreed to by recorded vote of 226 yeas to 202 noes, Roll No. 134); Pages H3242-45, H3250

Peterson of Pennsylvania amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that makes available the Federal bonuses for oil leases derived from the Arctic Coastal Plain to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program; Pages H3246-48

Vitter amendment No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should reduce dependence on foreign energy sources from 58% to 45% by January 1, 2113; Page H3256

Tom Davis of Virginia amendment No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that requires studies on Federal procurement and contracting policies to be submitted to all relevant Congressional committees and requires studies on the conservation implications of widespread telecommuting by Federal employees and the merits of establishing performance measures to reduce petroleum consumption by Federal fleets (agreed to by recorded vote of 415 yeas to 10 noes, Roll No. 136); Pages H3256-58, H3269

Oberstar amendment No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that authorizes a photovoltaic solar energy commercialization program for the procurement and installation of photovoltaic solar energy systems for electric production in public buildings; Pages H3258-60

Nadler amendment No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that requires the Department of Energy, in its study on the threat resulting from the theft or diversion of highly enriched uranium, to address the benefits of accelerating the purchase of excess weapons grade plutonium and uranium from Russia to reduce the likelihood that they could be stolen or sold to terrorists; Pages H3266-67

Reynolds amendment No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that requires the Secretary of Energy to transmit a plan for the transfer of the Western New York Service Center in West Valley, New York, including nuclear waste cleanup responsibilities to the Federal government; Pages H3267-68

Barrett of South Carolina amendment No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that requires the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of developing commercial nuclear energy production facilities at existing Department of Energy sites; Pages H3271-73

Blumenauer amendment No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that establishes a Conserve by Bicycling pilot program within the Department of Transportation; authorizes ten pilot projects dispersed throughout the United States, and directs a report on the feasibility of converting motor vehicle trips to bicycle trips; Pages H3273-74

Ryan of Wisconsin amendment No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that reduces the proliferation of boutique fuels and directs EPA to give preference to plans that use either a Federal Clean Burning Gasoline (6.8 Reid Vapor Pressure) or a Low Reid Vapor Pressure (7.8 Reid Vapor Pressure) Gasoline; and

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Wu amendment No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that requires the Secretary of Energy to submit biennially a report on the equal employment opportunity practices at Department of Energy National laboratories.

Pages H3278-79

Rejected:

Boehlert amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that sought to require that total oil consumption for cars and light trucks in 2010 shall be at least 5% less than the total amount that would have been used if the average fuel economy standards were to remain at 2004 levels (rejected by recorded vote of 162 yeas to 268 noes, Roll No. 132);

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Dingell amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that sought to substitute Division A, Energy and Commerce, Title VI, Electricity provisions and provide the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) with anti-fraud authority for both electricity and natural gas markets; establishes audit trail requirements to improve FERC's ability to conduct investigations and take enforcement actions; provides for greater transparency by requiring reports on sales or transmissions of electricity or gas; increases penalties for civil and criminal offenses; requires energy policy rate reforms; authorizes refunds for overcharges back to the date they commenced, and directs the SEC to review Public Utility Holding Company (PUHCA) exemptions (rejected by recorded vote of 193 yeas to 237 noes, Roll No. 133);

Pages H3235-42, H3249-50

Markey amendment No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that strikes Division C, Resources, Title IV, Arctic Coastal Plain Domestic Energy Security Act that allows oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (rejected by a recorded vote of 197 yeas to 228 noes, Roll No. 135);

Pages H3251-56, H3268-69

Brown of Ohio amendment No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that sought to authorize a Gasoline Availability Stabilization (GAS) Reserve program with a total capacity of 20 million barrels of regular unleaded gasoline with reserve sites in California, the Midwest, the Northeast, and two additional sites as identified by the Secretary of Energy (rejected by recorded vote of 173 yeas to 252 noes, Roll No. 137); and

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Udall of New Mexico amendment No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 that sought to strike section 14029 that authorizes \$10 million for special dem-

onstrations projects for the uranium mining industry to develop improved in situ leaching mining technologies including environmental restoration technologies that may be applied to sites after completion of in situ leaching operations (rejected by recorded vote of 193 yeas to 231 noes, Roll No. 138).

Pages H3263-66, H3270-71

Proceedings Postponed:

Schakowsky amendment No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 108-69 was offered that expresses the sense of Congress that the Department of Energy should develop and implement more stringent inventory and procurement controls, including controls on the purchase card program and the Department's Inspector General should continue to review purchase card and other procurement and inventory practices. Further proceedings on the amendment were postponed.

Pages H3277-78

Agreed to H. Res. 189, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by recorded vote of 236 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 131. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 130.

Pages H3086-87

**FY 2004 Budget Resolution Conference Report:** The House agreed 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 by yeas-and-nays vote of 216 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 141.

Pages H3194-H3230, H3268, H3279-98

House agreed to H. Res. 191, the rule that waived points of order against the conference by yeas-and-nays vote of 221 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 140.

Pages H3279, H3286-91

Earlier agreed to H. Res. 190, waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against resolutions reported from the Rules Committee on the legislative day of April 10, 2003, providing for consideration or disposition of the budget resolution conference report by yeas-and-nays vote of yeas to nays, Roll No. 139.

Pages H3279-85

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H3055 and H3231.

**Referral:** S. Con. Res. 31 was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yeas-and-nays votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3075-76, H3076-77, H3077, H3086, H3087, H3249, H3249-50, H3250, H3268-69, H3269-70, H3270, H3270-71, H3285-86, H3290-91, and H3298. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:48 a.m. on Friday, April 11.

## **Committee Meetings**

### **FARM BILL IMPLEMENTATION; AGRICULTURE ASSISTANCE**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing on implementation of the 2002 Farm bill and 2003 Agriculture Assistance. Testimony was heard from J.B. Penn, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA.

### **COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND THE JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### **HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Science and Technology. Testimony was heard from Charles McQueary, Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard. Testimony was heard from Adm. Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

### **LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Related Agencies held a hearing on Secretary of Labor. Testimony was heard from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor.

### **TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Passenger Rail (Panel). Testimony was heard from Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; David L. Gunn, President and Chief Executive Officer, Amtrak; and a public witness.

### **VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NSF. Testimony was heard from Rita R. Colwell, Director, NSF.

### **IMPROVING EDUCATION RESULTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1350, Improving Education Results for Children With Disabilities Act of 2003.

### **EFFECTIVENESS OF STATE REGULATION: WHY SOME CONSUMERS CAN'T GET INSURANCE**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "The Effectiveness of State Regulation: Why Some Consumers Can't Get Insurance." Testimony was heard from Ernst Csiszar, Director, Department of Insurance, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

### **NATION'S CAPITAL—EMERGENCY READINESS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled "Are We Ready for Prime Time? Assessing the State of Emergency Readiness in the Nation's Capital." Testimony was heard from Michael Byrne, Director, Office of National Capital Region Coordination, Department of Homeland Security; Van Harp, Director, Washington Field Office, FBI, Department of Justice; Teresa Chambers, Chief, U.S. Park Police, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mark Warner, Governor, State of Virginia; the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony Williams, Mayor; and Charles Ramsey, Chief, Metropolitan Police Department; Richard White, General Manager, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; and public witnesses.

### **BALKANS—ASSESSING PROGRESS**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on The Balkans: Assessing the Progress and Looking to the Future. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT—HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT TRANSITION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on "Department of Homeland Security Transition: Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement." Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary, Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security; Rich Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### **SIKES ACT REAUTHORIZATION ACT**

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

H.R. 1497, Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Raymond F. DuBois, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of Defense; Benjamin N. Tuggle, Chief, Division of Federal Program Activities, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### FY 2004 BUDGET RESOLUTION CONFERENCE REPORT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany 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 against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. Testimony was heard from chairman Nussle and Representative Spratt.

### SAME DAY CONSIDERATION WARTIME SUPPLEMENTAL—CONFERENCE REPORT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The resolution applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of Friday, April 11, 2003, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003.

### TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing on Transportation Research and Development: Investing in the Future. Testimony was heard from Emil Frankel, Assistant Secretary, Transportation Policy, Department of Transportation; Kate Siggerud, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, GAO; Eric E. Harm, Deputy Director, Division of Highways, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

### VETERAN'S LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 241, Veterans Beneficiary Fairness Act of 2003; H.R.

533, Agent Orange Veterans' Disabled Children's Benefits Act of 2003; H.R. 761, Disabled Servicemembers Adapted Housing Assistance Act of 2003; H.R. 850, Former Prisoners of War Special Compensation Act of 2003; H.R. 966, Disabled Veterans' Return-to-Work Act of 2003; and H.R. 1048, Disabled Veterans Adaptive Benefits Improvement Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Representative Simpson; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary, Benefits; and Ronald J. Henke, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, both with the Veterans Benefits Administration; and John H. Thompson, Deputy General Counsel; and representatives of veterans organizations.

### OVERSIGHT—MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH PROGRAMS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held an oversight hearing on medical and prosthetic research programs in the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Representative Langevin; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Nelda P. Wray, M.D., Chief Research and Development Officer, Office of Research and Development, Veterans Health Administration; Mindy Aisen, M.D., Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development; John G. Demakis, M.D., Director, Health Sciences Research and Development; and Fred S. Wright, M.D., Associate Chief of Staff, Research, VA Healthcare System, State of Connecticut; and Kevin C. Dellsperger, M.D., Chief of Staff, Associate Dean, Veterans Affairs, VA Medical Center, Iowa City, Iowa; and public witnesses.

### MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on VA's progress in the development of the medical education program mandated by Section 3 of the Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Preparedness Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Robert H. Roswell, Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Jerome M. Hauer, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Department of Health and Human Services; Eric Tolbert, Director, Preparedness, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Col. Maria Morgan, USAF, Deputy Adjutant General, National Guard, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

### UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND "RETURNS TO WORK"

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Unemployment

Benefits and “Returns to Work.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

### MEDICARE

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded joint hearings to examine Medicare, focusing on the 2003 Medicare Trustees Report, the long-term financial viability of the program, proposals to add a prescription drug benefit, and other related reforms, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General

Accounting Office; Gail R. Wilensky, Project HOPE, Millwood, Virginia; and John P. Martin, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and Marilyn Moon, Urban Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Friday, April 11

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate may consider the conference report on H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, the conference report on H.R. 1559, Emergency Wartime Supplemental, S. 196, Digital and Wireless Network Technology Program Act, and S. 15, Biodefense Improvement and Treatment for America Act.

Also, Senate will proceed to consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey S. Sutton, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Friday, April 11

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Complete Consideration of H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act of 2003 (structured rule, 90 minutes of debate); and

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1559, Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations (subject to a rule).



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