

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 926–930. **Pages S5433–34**

#### Measures Reported:

Received on April 24, during the adjournment:

S. 165, to improve air cargo security, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–38)

S. 925, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2004 and for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2004 through 2007. (S. Rept. No. 108–39) **Page S5433**

**Nomination Considered:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey S. Sutton, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. **Pages S5404–22, S5426–31**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 29, 2003, and pursuant to the order of April 9, 2003, a vote on confirmation of the nomination will occur at 12 noon. **Page S5437**

#### Appointments

**National Council on the Arts:** The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, announced the appointment of Senator Reid as a member of the National Council on the Arts, vice Senator Durbin.

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

Nicholas Gregory Mankiw, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, vice Robert Glenn Hubbard, resigned.

Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 30, 2006, vice Norman Y. Mineta.

Frank Libutti, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security. (New Position)

Joe D. Whitley, of Georgia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security. (New Position)

Allyson K. Duncan, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, vice Samuel J. Ervin III, deceased.

Claude A. Allen, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, vice Francis D. Murnaghan, Jr., deceased.

Robert C. Brack, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, vice a new position created by Public Law 107–273, approved November 2, 2002.

James O. Browning, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, vice C. LeRoy Hansen, retired.

Glen E. Conrad, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, vice James C. Turk, retired.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, vice a new position created by Public Law 107–273, approved November 2, 2002.

Mark R. Filip, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, vice Harry D. Leinenweber, retired.

Kim R. Gibson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, vice D. Brooks Smith, elevated.

Dora L. Irizarry, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, vice Reena Raggi, elevated.

H. Brent McKnight, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, vice a new position created by Public Law 107–273, approved November 2, 2002.

Daniel P. Ryan, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, vice Patrick J. Duggan, retired.

Gary L. Sharpe, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, vice Thomas J. McAvoy, retired.

Lonny R. Suko, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, vice Wm. Fremming Nielsen, retired.

Paul Morgan Longsworth, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, vice Linton F. Brooks.

22 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 12 noon, and adjourned at 5:41 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5437.)

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session. It will meet on Tuesday, April 29 at 2 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity continued hearings entitled "Strengthening America's Communities Examining the Impact of Faith-Based Housing Partnerships." Testimony was heard from John C. Weicher, Assistant Secretary, Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### DISSIDENTS—CASTRO'S BRUTAL CRACKDOWN

*Committee on International Relations:* On April 16, the Committee held a hearing on Castro's Brutal Crackdown on Dissidents. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Kim R. Holmes, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs; J. Curtis Struble, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Karen Harbert-Mitchell, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean AID; and public witnesses.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D228)

H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003. Signed on April 16, 2003. (Public Law 108–11)

H.R. 397, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois. Signed on April 22, 2003. (Public Law 108–12)

H.R. 672, to rename the Guam South Elementary/Middle School of the Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools System in honor of Navy Commander William "Willie" McCool, who was the pilot of the Space Shuttle *Columbia* when it was tragically lost on February 1, 2003. Signed on April 22, 2003. (Public Law 108–13)

H.R. 145, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Ted Weiss Federal Building". Signed on April 23, 2003. (Public Law 108–14)

H.R. 258, to ensure continuity for the design of the 5-cent coin, establish the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee. Signed on April 23, 2003. (Public Law 108–15)

H.R. 273, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland and Louisiana. Signed on April 23, 2003. (Public Law 108–16)

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". Signed on April 23, 2003. (Public Law 108–17)

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. Signed on April 23, 2003. (Public Law 108-18)

H.R. 1584, to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds. Signed on April 25, 2003. (Public Law 108-19)

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 29 through May 3, 2003

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 10 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey S. Sutton, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at 12 noon. Also, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider S. 15, Project BioShield Act, S. 196, Digital and Wireless Network Technology Program Act, S. 113, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations:* April 29, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings to examine overseas basing requirements, 4:30 p.m., SD-138.

April 30, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine health care access and affordability, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

April 30, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-106.

April 30, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the District of Columbia Courts, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 30, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine medical programs of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 30, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for foreign operations, 1:30 p.m., SD-138.

May 1, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the U.S. Capitol Police Board and the Sergeant-at-Arms, 10 a.m., SD-124.

May 1, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal

year 2004 for the Secret Service and Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SD-106.

May 1, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for NASA, 10 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* April 29, to hold hearings to examine Amtrak, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

April 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Fire Research Act, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 1, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine nanotechnology, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* April 29, business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

April 30, Full Committee, business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 1, Full Committee, business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* April 29, to hold hearings to examine NATO, focusing on Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

April 30, Full Committee, business meeting to consider Treaty Doc. 108-4, Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

April 30, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine U.S. energy security, focusing on Russia and the Caspian, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

May 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs), 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* May 1, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on streamlining and enhancing homeland security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* April 29, to hold hearings to examine the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Threat (SARS), 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* April 30, to hold hearings to examine S. 519, to establish a Native American-owned financial entity to provide financial services to Indian tribes, Native American organizations, and Native Americans, 2 p.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* April 30, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* May 1, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funding for fiscal year 2004 for the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* April 29, to hold hearings to examine assisted living, 10 a.m., SD-628.

### Senate Chamber

*Tuesday*, consideration of suspensions:

(1) H. Res. 161, Recognizing Operation Respect and the 'Don't Laugh At Me' Programs;

(2) H. Res. 107, Commending Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), the world's preeminent collegiate free enterprise organization;

(3) H. Con. Res. 149, Support for Patriot's Day and honoring the Nation's first patriots;

(4) H. Res. 173, Recognizing the achievements of the National Wildlife Refuge System on its centennial anniversary;

(5) H.R. 274, Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act; and

(6) S. 162, Gila River Indian Community Judgment Fund Distribution Act.

*Wednesday and Thursday*, Consideration of H.R. 1350, Improving Education Results for Children With Disabilities (subject to a rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 1298, United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act (subject to a rule).

*Friday*, no votes are expected.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture*, April 30, hearing on the Administration's Healthy Forests Initiative, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, April 30, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on U.S. Special Operations Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 30, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on D.C. Courts, 1:30 p.m., 2362 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Employment Assistance and Training Activities Panel, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Missile Defense, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 1, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Worker Protection Agencies Panel, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, May 1, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, to mark up H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Readiness, to mark up H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to mark up H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, 11:30 a.m., 2216 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Total Force, to mark up H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, 1 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, April 29, Subcommittee on Select Education, hearing entitled "Missing, Exploited and Runaway Youth: Strengthening the System," 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, April 30, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 108, encouraging corporations to contribute to faith-based organizations; H. Con. Res. 110, recognizing the sequencing of the human genome as one of the most significant scientific accomplishments of the past one hundred years and expressing support for the goals and ideals of Human Genome Month and DNA Day; H. Con. Res. 147, commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Orphan Drug Act and the National Organization for Rare Disorders; H. Res. 201, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that our Nation's businesses and business owners should be commended for their support of our troops and their families as they serve our country in many ways, especially in these days of increased engagement of our military in strategic locations around our Nation and around the world; and H.R. 1320, Commercial Spectrum Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Travel and Tourism in America Today," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Review of the University of California's Contract for Los Alamos National Laboratory," 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, April 29, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Strengthening and Rejuvenating our Nation's Communities and the HOPE VI Program," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 30, full Committee, hearing on United States monetary and economic policy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, April 29, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, hearing on "Transforming the Defense Department: Exploring the Merits of the Proposed National Security Personnel System," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing on "Why is SBA Losing Ground on Financial Management?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations hearing on "Homeland Defense: Old Force Structures for New Missions?" 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing on "Federal Grants Management: A Process Report on Streamlining and Simplifying the Federal Grants Process," 10 a.m., 2003 Rayburn.

April 30, full Committee, hearing on "Better Training, Efficiency and Accountability: Services Acquisition Reform for the 21st Century," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 1, to consider pending businesses, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, April 29, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on NATO and Enlargement: Progress Since Prague, 4 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, hearing on a Review of the State Department Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, April 29, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 21, Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act; and H.R. 1223, Internet Gambling Licensing and Regulation Commission Act, 2 p.m., and to hold a hearing on H.R. 1707, Prison Rape Reduction Act of 2003, 4 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.J. Res. 22, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States, 12 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on the Youth Smoking Prevention and State Revenue Enforcement Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, April 29, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans and the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands, joint oversight hearing on the Growing Problem of Invasive Species, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 30, full Committee, to mark up the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, April 29, to consider H.R. 1350, Improving Education Results for Children and Disabilities Act of 2003, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

April 30, to consider H.R. 1298, U.S. Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, May 1, to mark up the following bills; H.R. 766, Nanotechnology Research and Development Act of 2003; and H.R. 1578, Global Change Research and Data Management Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, May 1, hearing entitled "IRS Compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act," 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, April 30, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, joint hearing on Interpretations of Existing Ownership Requirements for U.S. Flag Dredges, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Railroads, oversight hearing on Current Amtrak Issues, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 1, full Committee and the Committee on Education and the Workforce, joint hearing on Coordinating Human Services Transportation, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, April 30, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1460, Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2003; H.R. 1712, Veterans Federal Procurement Opportunity Act of 2003; and H.R. 1716, Veterans Earn and Learn Act, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, April 30, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on Challenges Facing Pension Plan Funding, 2:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Cost-Sharing and Medigap, 12 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 1, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Social Security Provisions Affecting Public Employees, 10 a.m., B-319 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 29

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*(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*

2 p.m., Tuesday, April 29

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