

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report on S. 342, Keeping Children and Families Safe Act.

House passed H.R. 1528, Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act.

House passed H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8167–S8260*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1289–1302, and S. Res. 176–177. **Pages S8232–33**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 724, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt certain rocket propellants from prohibitions under that title on explosive materials, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1233, to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center. **Page S8232**

#### Measures Passed:

*Recognizing New Jersey Sports Teams:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 176, recognizing the National Hockey League's New Jersey Devils and National Basketball Association's New Jersey Nets for their accomplishments during the 2002–2003 season. **Pages S8201–02**

*Accountant Compliance and Enforcement Staffing Act:* Senate passed to H.R. 658, to provide for the protection of investors, increase confidence in the capital markets system, and fully implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by streamlining the hiring process for certain employment positions in the Securities and Exchange Commission, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8260**

**Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the Medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the Medi-

care program, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8169–S8201, S8202–16**

Adopted:

Enzi (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 944 (to Amendment No. 932), to prohibit an eligible entity offering a Medicare Prescription Drug plan, a Medicare Advantage Organization offering a Medicare Advantage plan, and other health plans from contracting with a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) unless the PBM satisfies certain requirements. **Page S8184**

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 228), Enzi/Reed Modified Amendment No. 932, to improve disclosure requirements and to increase beneficiary choices. **Pages S8169, S8182–89, S8198**

By 94 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 230), Gregg Amendment No. 945, to ensure that there is competition in the pharmaceutical industry and increased access to affordable drugs. **Pages S8189–98, S8200–01**

Frist (for Cochran) Amendment No. 947 (to Amendment No. 946), to protect the health and safety of Americans. **Pages S8203–15**

Rejected:

By 39 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 229), Daschle Modified Amendment No. 939, to ensure that an affordable plan is available in all areas. **Pages S8173–82, S8198–S8200**

Pending:

Bingaman Amendment No. 933, to eliminate the application of an asset test for purposes of eligibility for premium and cost-sharing subsidies for low-income beneficiaries. **Pages S8169–73**

Dorgan Amendment No. 946, to provide greater access to affordable pharmaceuticals. **Pages S8202–16**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following the vote on final passage of S.

504 (listed below), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1, on Friday, June 20, 2003, with four minutes of debate on Dorgan Amendment No. 946 (listed above) followed by a vote to occur thereon; and the consideration of certain other amendments to be proposed to the bill. **Page S8216**

**American History and Civics Education Act:** Senate began consideration of 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. **Pages S8216–19**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9 a.m., on Friday, June 20, 2003, with a vote on final passage to occur at 9:15 a.m. **Page S8216**

**Keeping Children and Families Safe Act—Conference Report:** Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 342, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S8257–60**

**Water Contract Repayment Authorization—Referral Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 856, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. **Page S8260**

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

Terrence A. Duffy, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2003.

Terrence A. Duffy, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2007. (Reappointment)

Anne Rader, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2004.

Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security. (New Position)

C. Stewart Verdery, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security. (New Position) **Pages S8256–57, S8260**

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

Jackie Wolcott Sanders, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the Conference on Disarmament and the Special Representative of the President of

the United States for Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Army. **Page S8260**

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Page S8256**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—230) **Pages S8198, S8200–01**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:45 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, June 20, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8260.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### 302(b) ALLOCATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee completed its review of 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in 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.

### IDENTITY THEFT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the problem of identity theft in relation to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, focusing on the impact of identity theft on consumers and the importance of information security in preventing identity theft, after receiving testimony from Howard Beales II, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Timothy Caddigan, Special Agent In Charge, Criminal Investigative Division, United States Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; Michael D. Cunningham, JP Morgan Chase Cardmember Services, Tempe, Arizona; Linda Foley,

Identity Theft Resource Center, San Diego, California; William Hough, Neiman Marcus Group, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the National Retail Federation; Stuart K. Pratt, Consumer Data Industry Association, and Michael W. Naylor, AARP, both of Washington, D.C.; and John M. Harrison, Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1234, to reauthorize the Federal Trade Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1261, to reauthorize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1244, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, with an amendment;

S. 247, to reauthorize the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 861, to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order to better ensure their protection from development, with an amendment;

S. 1152, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1260, to promote the development of the commercial space transportation industry, to authorize appropriations for the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation;

S. 189, to authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 877, to regulate interstate commerce by imposing limitations and penalties on the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail via the Internet, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1046, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to preserve localism, to foster and promote the diversity of television programming, to foster and promote competition, and to prevent excessive concentration of ownership of the nation's television broadcast stations, with amendments; and

The nominations of Annette Sandberg, of Washington, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and sundry promotion lists in the Coast Guard.

### ULLICO

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Union Labor Life Insurance Company (ULLICO) policy on investment decisions and stock value, focusing on allegations of self-dealing and breaches of fiduciary duty involving certain board members profiting from sales of company stock and charges concerning potential conflicts of interest, after receiving testimony from James R. Thompson, Winston and Strawn, Chicago, Illinois; and Terence O'Sullivan, ULLICO Inc., Washington, D.C.

### TEACHER UNION SCANDALS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings to examine teacher union scandals, focusing on closing the gaps in union member protections, the Department of Labor's administration and enforcement of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (Landrum-Griffin Act), and certain investigative matters involving the Washington Teachers Union and the United Teachers of Dade, after receiving testimony from Lary F. Yud, Deputy Director, Office of Labor-Management Standards, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor; Damaris Daugherty, Teacher Rights Advocacy Coalition, Miami, Florida; and Sandra Feldman, American Federation of Teachers, and Tom Donahue, Work in America Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 724, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt certain rocket propellants from prohibitions under that title on explosive materials, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1233, to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center;

Also, Committee began markup of S. 1125, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, June 24.

### INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee will meet again on Thursday, June, 26.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 39 public bills, H.R. 2516–2553; 1 private bill, H.R. 2554; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 223–225, and H. Res. 284–291, were introduced. **Pages H5661–63**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5663–65**

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

H.R. 1276, to provide downpayment assistance under the HOME Investment Partnerships Act, amended (H. Rept. 108–164);

H.R. 1614, to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing and to provide financial assistance under such program for main street revitalization or redevelopment projects in smaller communities to support the development of affordable housing for low-income families in connection with such projects, amended (H. Rept. 108–165);

H.R. 272, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries, amended (H. Rept. 108–166); and

H.R. 2086, to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy, amended (H. Rept. 108–167 Part 1). **Pages H5660–61**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Bob Warren, Pastor, Arlington Heights Evangelical Free Church of Arlington Heights, Illinois. **Page H5553**

**Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act:** The House passed H.R. 1528, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect taxpayers and ensure accountability of the Internal Revenue Service by recorded vote of 252 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 293. The House also considered the bill on June 18. **Pages H5562–97**

Rejected the Visclosky of Indiana motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with amendments that strike section 309, Health Insurance Costs of Eligible Individuals and insert the Health Care Tax Credit Enhancement section that decreases the age eligibility requirement, repeals the 3-month requirement of existing coverage; and revises the eligibility of spouses of individuals entitled to Medicare by recorded vote of 199 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 292. **Pages H5595–97**

Rejected the McDermott amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part B of H. Rept. 108–159 that sought to delete the Health Insurance Tax Credit Waiver; expand Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for children; provide relief to families of astronauts and military members; limit EITC precertification program; address corporate tax shelters; and add protections to assist low and middle income tax payers by yea-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 291. **Pages H5563–95**

H. Res. 282, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on June 18.

**Small Business Health Fairness Act:** The House passed H.R. 660, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve access and choice for entrepreneurs with small businesses with respect to medical care for their employees by recorded vote of 262 ayes to 162 noes, Roll No. 296. **Pages H5597–H5638**

Rejected the McCarthy of New York motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment that protects existing group health plan coverage for breast cancer screening, pregnancy and childbirth, well child care, and direct access to obstetric or gynecological services by recorded vote of 192 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 295. **Pages H5636–37**

Pursuant to the rule the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–156) was considered as adopted. **Page H5605**

Rejected the Kind amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 108–160 that sought to establish the Small Employer Health Benefits Plan, similar to the Federal employees Health Benefits Plan, provide premium assistance to businesses and employees, require the Department of Labor to annually contract with state licensed health insurers to offer health insurance coverage in a state, and require all participating insurers to offer benefits equivalent to or greater than the options offered to Federal employees by yea-and-nay vote of 183 yeas to 238 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 294. **Pages H5624–36**

H. Res. 283, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by recorded vote of 224 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 290. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 289. **Pages H5555–62**

**Late Report:** The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on Monday, June 23 to file a privileged report making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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**Strengthen AmeriCorps Program Act:** The House passed S. 1276, to improve the manner in which the Corporation for National and Community Service approves, and records obligations relating to, national service positions—clearing the measure for the President.

**Pages H5638–39**

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of June 23.

**Pages H5639–42**

**Meeting Hour—Monday, June 23:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 23 for morning-hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 25.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Putnam wherein he announced his resignation from the Committee on Resources.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 284 electing Representative Neugebauer to the Committees on Agriculture, Resources, and Science and Representative McCotter to the Committee on Small Business.

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**Honoring the Celebration of Lou Gehrig's 100th Birthday and his Legacy in the Search for a Cure for ALS:** H. Res. 278, recognizing the contributions Lou Gehrig and his legacy have made in the fight against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

**Pages H5643–44**

**Congratulating the San Antonio Spurs on Winning the NBA Championship:** H. Res. 279, congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the 2003 NBA Championship.

**Pages H5644–46**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H5553.

**Referral:** S. 1276 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5560–61, H5561–62, H5594–95, H5596–97, H5597, H5635–36, H5637, and H5637–38. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### REVIEW—COMMODITY FUTURES MODERNIZATION ACT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative approved for full Committee action the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

### SCHOOL READINESS ACT

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2210, School Readiness Act.

### HIGHER EDUCATION-INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS QUESTIONS OF BIAS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Select Education held a hearing on "International Programs in Higher Education and Questions of Bias." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MODERNIZATION ACT; SOCIAL SECURITY ACT AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2743, as amended, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act, and H.R. 531, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998–2001, under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

### NEW BASEL ACCORD—UNIFIED U.S. POSITION SEARCH

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "The New Basel Accord—In Search of a Unified U.S. Position." Testimony was heard from Roger Ferguson, Vice-Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: James E. Gilleran, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; and

John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the Currency; Donald Powell, chairman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

### RURAL HOUSING IN AMERICA

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Rural Housing in America." Testimony was heard from Phyllis Fong, Inspector General, USDA; William B. Shear, Acting Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; REPORT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2396, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1210 Highland Avenue in Duarte, California as the "Francisco A. Martinez Flores Post Office," H.R. 1761, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9350 East Corporate Hill Drive in Wichita, Kansas, as the "Garner E. Shriver Post Office Building"; H.R. 2249, Postmasters Equity Act of 2003; H.R. 2328, to designate the facility of the Postal Service located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert A. Borski Post Office Building"; H. Con. Res. 6, supporting the goals and ideals of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month; H. Con. Res. 208, Supporting the National Men's Health Week; and H. Res. 240, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Community Health Center Week to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers.

The Committee also approved the following report entitled "Report—A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records."

### NEXT STEP—INVESTIGATION OF USE OF INFORMANTS BY JUSTICE—WILLIAM BULGER TESTIMONY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled "The Next Step in the Investigation of the Use of Informants by the Department of Justice." Testimony was heard from William Bulger, President, University of Massachusetts.

### U.S. POLICY IN AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on U.S. Policy in Afghanistan: Current Issues in Reconstruction. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Peter Tomsen, former Special Envoy to Afghanistan; Larry P. Goodson, Professor, Middle East Studies, Department of National Security and Strategy, U.S.

Army War College, Department of the Army; Bernard Frahi, Chief, Operations Branch, Division for Operations and Analysis, Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, United Nations; and public witnesses.

### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN FOOD CONSUMPTION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 339, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—CONSULAR ID CARDS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on "The Issuance, Acceptance, and Reliability of Consular Identification Cards." Testimony was heard from Representative Gutierrez; John Andrews, member, Senate, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—DOMESTIC NATURAL GAS SUPPLY SHORTAGE

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on the Domestic Natural Gas Supply Shortage. Testimony was heard from Steve Brown, Director, Energy Economics and Micro Economic Policy Analysis, Office of the Federal Reserve System, Dallas, Texas; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health and the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a joint hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2057, Chronic Wasting Disease Support for States Act of 2003; and H.R. 2416, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands. Testimony was heard from Representative McGovern; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Charles Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey; and Robert Lamb, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget; the following officials of the USDA: Bobby Acord, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; and Elizabeth Estill, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 511, Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act; H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in

Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes; H.R. 1038, Public Lands Fire Regulations Enforcement Act of 2003; and H.R. 1651, Sierra National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tancredo, Radanovich, Bishop of Utah and Thompson of California; Elizabeth Estill, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, USDA; Larry Parkinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Law Enforcement and Security, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—UPDATE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on the Need to Update Water Quality Standards to Improve Clean Water Act Programs. Testimony was heard from John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT AVAILABILITY ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2351, Health Savings Account Availability Act.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD AND ABUSE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight and the Subcommittee on Human Resources held a joint hearing on unemployment fraud and abuse. Testimony was heard from Mason Bishop, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; Robert J. Cramer, Managing Director, Office of Special Investigations, GAO; David Clegg, Deputy Chairman, Communications, Employment Security Commission, State of North Carolina; and a public witness.

#### S CORPORATION REFORM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on S Corporation Reforms. Testimony was heard from Greg Jen-

ner, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

#### IRAQ WMD

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to continue hearings on Iraq WMD. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

#### BRIEFING—COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ISSUES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Counterintelligence Issues. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

#### BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

#### “RESPONSE TO TERRORISM: HOW IS DHS IMPROVING OUR CAPABILITIES?”

*Select Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled “Response to Terrorism: How is DHS Improving Our Capabilities?” Testimony was heard from Michael Brown, Under Secretary, Homeland Security, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold a closed briefing to examine Iraqi reconstruction and humanitarian activities, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9 a.m., Friday, June 20

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 504, American History and Civics Education Act, with a vote on final passage to occur at 9:15 a.m., following which, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the Medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the Medicare program, with a vote on or in relation to Dorgan Amendment No. 946.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Monday, June 23

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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