

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2658, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9001–S9059*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1370–1378. **Page S9049**

**Patients First Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 11, to protect patients' access to quality and affordable health care by reducing the effects of excessive liability costs. **Pages S9001–09, S9010–43**

Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill to occur at 11:30 a.m. **Page S9059**

**Medical Malpractice/Nominations/State Department Authorization—Agreements:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 11, Patients First Act, and that the time until 11:30 a.m., be equally divided between the Majority Leader and the Democratic Leader or their designees; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 11; that following that vote, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Victor J. Wolski, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims; that the Senate then proceed en bloc to the nominations of Mary Ellen Coster Williams, of Maryland, Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, and Charles F. Lettow, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and the nominations then be confirmed; further, Senate will then proceed to consideration of S. 925, State Department Authorization Bill. **Page S9009**

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

By unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. EX. 263), David G. Campbell, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. **Page S9059**

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

Daniel J. Bryant, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force. **Page S9059**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S9048–49**

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S9058–59**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—263) **Page S9010**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 9, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9059.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of

Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

### LIBERIA

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the situation in Africa, with a focus on Liberia, from Vice Admiral Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; Major General Stanley A. McChrystal, USA, Vice Director, Operations Directorate, J-3, The Joint Staff; and Theresa Whelan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs.

### NOMINATIONS:

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Nicole R. Nason, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Governmental Affairs, and Pamela Jones Harbour, of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### RADIO OWNERSHIP

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine radio ownership, focusing on the impact of industry consolidation, and Federal Communications Commission's new radio market definition, after receiving testimony from Representative Menendez; Lewis W. Dickey, Jr., Cumulus Media Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; Jon Mandel, MediaCom, Grey Global Group, Inc., New York, New York; Simon Renshaw, The Firm, Beverly Hills, California, on behalf of the Recording Artists' Coalition; and Alex Kolobieski, First Media Radio, Easton, Maryland.

### NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded oversight hearings on the maintenance backlog within the national park system, including the impact of new park unit designations, land acquisitions, and personnel vacancies, after receiving testimony from Donald Murphy, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Barry T. Hill, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office; Eric Dillinger, Carter and Burgess, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas; Thomas C. Kiernan, National Parks Conservation Association,

Washington, D.C.; and Curtis E. Cornelssen, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Boston, Massachusetts.

### CLIMATE CHANGE: AGRICULTURAL SEQUESTRATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings to examine the potential of agricultural sequestration to address climate change through affecting atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide, after receiving testimony from Bruce I. Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Cynthia Rosenzweig, Research Scientist, Goddard Institute for Space Studies (Columbia University, New York, New York), National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Bob Stallman, Columbus, Texas, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Rattan Lal, Ohio State University Carbon Management and Sequestration Center, Columbus; Joseph L. Bast, Heartland Institute, Chicago, Illinois; and Debbie A. Reed, National Environmental Trust, Washington, D.C.

### U.S. TAX POLICY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded hearings to examine U.S. tax policy and its effects on the domestic and international competitiveness of U.S.-based operations, after receiving testimony from Robert Hall, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; William C. Barrett, Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, California; James G. Berges, Emerson, St. Louis, Missouri; Mark Russell, Electrolux North America, Cleveland, Ohio; Alexander Spitzer, Nestle USA, Norwalk, Connecticut; and Kathryn Kobe, Joel Popkin and Company, and Thea M. Lea, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and Jack Landman Goldsmith III, of Virginia, to be Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Allen, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.