

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2657, Legislative Branch Appropriations.

Senate passed H.R. 2559, Military Construction Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1394–1396. **Page S9303**

Measures Reported:

S. 470, to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–90)

S. 643, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and occupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–94)

S. 651, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–95)

S. 677, to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–96)

S. 924, to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–97)

S. 1076, to authorize construction of an education center at or near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–98)

H.R. 255, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant an easement to facilitate access to the Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska. (S. Rept. No. 108–99)

H.R. 1577, to designate the visitor center in Organ Pipe National Monument in Arizona as the “Kris Eggle Visitor Center”. (S. Rept. No. 108–100)

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Measures Passed:

Legislative Branch Appropriations: By 85 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 273), Senate passed H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, as previously amended, and after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9269–83**

Rejected:

Sessions Amendment No. 1202, to eliminate the additional amount for programs under the National and Community Service Act of 1990. (By 71 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 272), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S9269–72**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following actions:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the following amendments adopted on Thursday, July 10, 2003, were modified:

Reid (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1201, to appropriate an additional \$25,000,000 for emergency actions to reduce the threat to human safety arising from the threat of catastrophic fire in dead and dying trees. **Pages S9269–70**

Stevens/Landrieu Amendment No. 1206, making emergency appropriations to the Corps of Engineers for emergency assistance. **Page S9270**

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 10, 2003, Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Campbell, Bennett, Stevens, Cochran, Bond, Durbin, Johnson, Byrd, and Mikulski. **Page S9278**

Military Construction Appropriations: By a unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. 274), Senate passed H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, as previously amended. **Pages S9279–83**

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 10, 2003, Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was

authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hutchison, Burns, Craig, DeWine, Brownback, Stevens, Feinstein, Inouye, Johnson, Landrieu, and Byrd. **Page S9283**

Defense Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, at 2 p.m., on Monday, July 14, 2003. **Page S9310**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Constance Albanese Morella, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

Joel David Kaplan, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Leslie Silverman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2008. (Reappointment)

Mauricio J. Tamargo, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the

United States for a term expiring September 30, 2006. (Reappointment)

Cynthia R. Church, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs). **Page S9310**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—274) **Pages S9272, S9280**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 1:04 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, July 14, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S9310.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 14 for morning hour debate.

Committee Meetings

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies approved for full Committee action the Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

IMMIGRATION RELIEF UNDER THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE FOR SERIOUS CRIMINALS AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATORS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims held an oversight hearing on "Immigration Relief Under the Convention Against Torture for Serious Criminals and Human Rights Violators." Testimony was heard from C. Steward Verdery, Assistant Secretary, Policy and Planning, Border and Transportation Security Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Eli

Rosenbaum, Director, Office of Special Investigations, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 14 through July 19, 2003

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and certain nominations, when available.

(On *Thursday, July 17, 2003, at 4 p.m., Prime Minister Tony Blair will address a Joint Meeting of Congress. At 3:40 p.m., Senators will meet in the Senate chamber and proceed to the chamber of the House of Representatives.*)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: July 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for energy and water development programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: July 16, to hold oversight hearings to examine the semi-annual monetary policy report of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-538.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine regulatory oversight of government sponsored enterprise accounting practices, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: July 16, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

July 16, Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

July 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: July 15, to hold hearings to examine the Compact of Free Association with the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

July 17, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the improved understanding of the governance of the Department of Energy laboratories, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: July 17, to hold hearings to examine the importation of exotic species and the impact on public health and safety, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: July 15, to hold hearings to examine successes and challenges for U.S. policy relative to Haiti, 10 a.m., SD-419.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine benefits for U.S. victims of international terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: July 15, to hold hearings to examine certain situations where parents must relinquish custody in order to secure mental health services for their children, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

July 16, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the recent General Accounting Office report entitled: "An Overall Strategy and Indicators for Measuring Progress Are Needed to Better Achieve Restoration Goals", focusing on the ramifications of an uncoordinated Great Lakes restoration strategy, current management of various environmental programs, and possible next steps to improve the management of Great Lakes programs, 10 a.m., SD-342.

July 17, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine certain situations where parents must relinquish custody in order to secure mental health services for their children, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: July 15, Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 10 a.m., SD-430.

July 16, Full Committee, business meeting to markup the proposed Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2003, 10 a.m., SD-430.

July 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for Head Start, focusing on programs to prepare children to succeed in school and in life, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: July 16, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources

to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: July 14, to hold hearings to examine temporary entry provisions of the proposed free trade agreements with Chile and Singapore, 2 p.m., SD-226.

July 15, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, to hold hearings to examine visa issuance, information sharing and enforcement in a post 9-11 environment, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

July 16, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on the federal sentencing guidelines of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, 10 a.m., SD-226.

July 16, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine competition in the marketplace in relation to hospital group purchasing, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: July 15, to hold hearings to receive a report by the National Commander of The American Legion, Ronald F. Conley, of his tenure, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: July 16, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, July 15, to mark up the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004: Energy and Water Development; and District of Columbia, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

July 15, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 4 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on the Budget, July 16, hearing on Mid-Session Review Budget of the United States Government, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, July 15, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on "Expanding Access to College in America: How the Higher Education Act Can Put College Within Reach," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 15, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations and the Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures of the Committee on Ways and Means, joint hearing on Examining Pension Security and Defined Benefit Plans: the Administration's Proposal to Replace the 30-year Treasury Rate, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

July 16, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on "Food for Thought: How to Improve Child Nutrition Programs," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 16, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Legislative Efforts to Reform the U.S. Olympic Committee," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Health Insurance Certificate Act of 2003, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Review of DOE's Radioactive High-Level Waste Cleanup Program, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, July 15, hearing on monetary policy and the state of the economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 16, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to consider the following bills: H.R. 2043, United States Financial Policy Committee For Fair Capital Standards Act; and H.R. 2622, Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on H.R. 2575, Secondary Mortgage Market Enterprises Regulatory Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, July 15, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing on "Federal Information Systems Integration and Consolidation: Maximizing Technology Investment Across Agency Boundaries," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 16, full Committee, hearing entitled "Cutting Out Waste, Fraud, Mismanagement, Overlap and Duplication: Exploring Ideas for Improving Federal Reorganization, Management and Spending," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 16, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, hearing on "GAO Human Capital Reform: Leading By Example." followed by consideration of the following bills: H.R. 1231, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums; and H.R. 1151, to provide that transit pass transportation fringe benefits be made available to all qualified Federal employees in the National Capital Region; to allow passenger carriers which are owned or leased by the Government to be used to transport Government employees between their place of employment and mass transit facilities, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 17, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Thrift Savings Plan: Putting Customers First?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing on "A New Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit: Is it Good for Seniors?" 3 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 18, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing entitled, "Facing the Methamphetamine Problem in America," 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

July 18, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Reform, and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight of the Committee on Small Business, joint hearing entitled "What is OMB's Record in Small Business Paperwork Relief?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

July 18, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats, and International Relations, hearing entitled "Humanitarian Assistance Following Military Operations: Overcoming Barriers—Part II," 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, July 15, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on Syria: Implications for U.S. Security and Regional Stability—Part I, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 16, full Committee, hearing on Intellectual Property Crimes: Are Proceeds From Counterfeited Goods Funding Terrorism? 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

July 18, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up H.J. Res. 63, to approve the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia," and the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands," and otherwise to amend Public Law 99-239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99-239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, July 16, to mark up the following: the U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act; the U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act; H.R. 49, Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act; and H.R. 1829, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 2517, Piracy Deterrence and Education Act of 2003, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on "Advancing Justice Through Forensic DNA Technology," 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, July 15, to mark up the following measures: 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. 884, Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act; H.R. 1006, Captive Wildlife Safety Act; H.R. 1092, Nevada National Forest Land Disposal Act of 2003; H.R. 1409, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Land Exchange Act; H.R. 1472, Don't Feed the Bears Act of 2003; H.R. 2696, to establish Institutes to demonstrate and promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires, and restore the health of fire-adapted forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West; and S. 111, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

July 15, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1289, National Parks Institute Act; H.R. 532, Rancho Corral de Tierra Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act; and H.R. 408, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on "The Role of Strategic and Critical Minerals in Our National and Economic Security," 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

July 17, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1598, Irvine Basin Surface and Groundwater Improvement Act of 2003; and H.R. 1732, Williamson County Water Recycling Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, July 14, to consider the following: H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; and H.R. 1950, Foreign Relations

Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

July 15, to consider the following: H.R. 2210, School Readiness Act of 2003; and H.R. 2122, Project Bioshield Act of 2003, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

July 16, Subcommittee on Technology and the House, oversight hearing on the 1996 Unfunded Mandates Reform Act—"An Overview of Effectiveness and Opportunities for Enhancement," 10:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, July 15, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards, hearing on NOAA Satellites: Will Weather Forecasting Be Put at Risk? 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 16, full Committee, hearing on Supercomputing: Is the U.S. on the Right Path? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Research, hearing and mark-up of H.R. 2692, United States Fire Administration Authorization Act of 2003, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, July 15, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing on Contract Bundling and Small Business Procurement, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology, hearing on Endangered Farmers and Ranchers: the Unintended Consequences of the Endangered Species Act, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, July 15, hearing and mark up of H. Res. 288, directing the Secretary of Transportation to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution all physical and electronic records and documents in his possession related to any use of Federal agency resources in any task or action involving or relating to Members of the Texas Legislature in the period beginning May 11, 2003, and ending May 16, 2003, except information the disclosure of which would harm the national security interests of the United States, 3 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

July 16, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, to mark up the following: General Services Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Capital Investment and Leasing Program resolutions; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

July 17, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1560, Water Quality Financing Act of 2003; and H.R. 2557, Water Resources Development Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, July 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 1585, to establish an office to oversee research compliance and assurance within the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

July 16, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Fiduciary and Field Examination Activity, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, July 17, hearing on Waste, Fraud and Abuse, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, July 15, executive, to consider pending business, 10:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

July 16, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Hunt for Al-Qaida, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, July 15, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and Development, hearing entitled "Industry Speaks on Cybersecurity, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 16, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "DHS Responsibility for Threat Warnings and Analysis: How Well is the Department Serving its Customers?" 1 p.m., room to be announced.

July 17, full Committee, hearing entitled "First Responders: How States, Localities and the Federal Government Can Strengthen Their Partnership to Make America Safer," 1 p.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: July 16, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, July 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Monday, July 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Also, Senate may consider certain executive nominations.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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