

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9269–9310

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**

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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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Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S9300**

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Additional Statements: **Page S9299**

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.