

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004: Energy and Water Development; and District of Columbia.

## Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9357–S9432*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1403–1415. **Page S9414**

### Measures Passed:

***Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act:*** Senate passed S. 764, to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program.

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***National Health Center Week:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 140, designating the week of August 10, 2003, as “National Health Center Week”.

**Pages S9431–32**

**Defense Appropriations:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S9360–66, S9369–99**

### Adopted:

Stevens Amendment No. 1232, to provide funds for 12 additional Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams. **Page S9361**

Stevens (for Roberts) Amendment No. 1233, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, \$2,000,000 for the development of integrated systems analysis capabilities for bioterrorism response exercises. **Page S9366**

Stevens (for Lott) Amendment No. 1234, to set aside Marine Corps procurement funds for use for the procurement of nitrile rubber collapsible storage units. **Page S9366**

Stevens (for Graham (SC)/Hollings) Amendment No. 1235, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy, \$6,000,000 for Marine Corps Communications Systems (PE#0206313M) for the Critical Infrastructure Protection Center. **Page S9366**

Stevens (for Lott) Amendment No. 1236, to set aside Other Procurement, Army funds for the procurement of TSC–750 computer systems. **Page S9366**

Inouye (for Miller) Amendment No. 1237, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation for the Navy, \$1,000,000 for the Trouble Reports Information Data Warehouse. **Page S9366**

Inouye (for Graham (FL)/Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1238, to make available from amounts available for Operation and Maintenance, Navy, \$2,000,000 for night vision goggles in advanced helicopter training. **Page S9366**

Stevens (for Voinovich/DeWine) Amendment No. 1257, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, \$3,000,000 for the Long Range Biometric Target Identification System. **Page S9391**

Stevens (for Roberts) Amendment No. 1258, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, up to \$2,500,000 for the study of geospatial visualization technologies. **Page S9391**

Stevens (for Allen) Amendment No. 1259, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy \$4,000,000 for High Speed Anti-Radiation Demonstration Airframe/Propulsion Section. **Page S9391**

Inouye (for Bingaman/Domenici) Amendment No. 1260, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, up to \$3,500,000 may be used for National Consortia on MASINT Research. **Pages S9391–92**

Inouye (for Conrad) Amendment No. 1261, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation for the Army \$3,500,000 for the Medical Vanguard Project to expand the clinical trial of the Internet-based diabetes management system under that project. **Pages S9391–92**

Inouye (for Breaux/Landrieu) Amendment No. 1262, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, \$800,000 for the Tulane Center for Missile Defense, Louisiana. **Pages S9391-92**

Inouye (for Reed) Amendment No. 1263, to make available from amounts available for Defense Production Act Purchases, \$3,000,000 for a Flexible Aerogel Material Supplier Initiative to develop affordable methods and a domestic supplier of military and commercial aerogels. **Pages S9391-92**

Rejected:

Byrd Amendment No. 1244, to prohibit excessive deployments overseas of members of the Guard and Reserves. (By 64 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 277), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S9371-91**

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

Subsequently, Stevens Amendment No. 1255 (to Amendment No. 1244), to establish a commission to study overseas deployments, fell when Byrd Amendment No. 1244 (listed above) was tabled. **Pages S9378-91**

Pending:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1264, to require from the President a budget amendment for the budget for fiscal year 2004 on the amounts requested for military operations in Iraq in fiscal year 2004. **Pages S9392-99**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate resumes consideration of Dorgan Amendment No. 1264 (listed above), on Wednesday, July 16, 2003, there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided in relation to the amendment; that Senator Bingaman then be recognized to offer an amendment regarding detainees; that there then be 40 minutes equally divided; and the Senate then proceed to vote on or in relation to Dorgan Amendment No. 1264, to be followed by a vote on or in relation to the Bingaman Amendment, with no amendments in order to the amendments prior to the votes. **Page S9392**

#### **Burma Freedom and Democracy Act Agreement:**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 16, 2003, Senate proceed to H.R. 2330, to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people; that there be one hour of debate equally divided and the bill be read for a third time, and the Senate then proceed to a vote, with no amendments in order to the bill, at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader. **Pages S9392, S9432**

**Check Truncation Act:** Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 1474, to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, agreed to request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Shelby, Bennett, Allard, Sarbanes, and Johnson. **Page S9431**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement; to the Committee on Finance. (PM-44) **Pages S9402-03**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement; to the Committee on Finance. (PM-45) **Page S9403**

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

By unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 276), Lonny R. Suko, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington. **Pages S9368-69, S9432**

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

Kristin J. Forbes, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Harvey S. Rosen, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Robert B. Charles, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

Thomasina V. Rogers, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2009. (Reappointment) **Page S9432**

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

William Preston Graves, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring December 10, 2005, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2003. **Page S9432**

**Nominations: Discharged:** The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security. (New Position),

which was sent to the Senate on March 26, 2003, from the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—277)	Pages S9369, S9391

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 16, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9432.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

### COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Compact of Free Association with the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, including related measure S.J. Res. 16, 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, after receiving testimony from Susan S. Westin, Managing Director, International Affairs and Trade, General Accounting

Office; David Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs; Albert Short, Director, Office of Compact Negotiations, Department of State; Gerald M. Zackios, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Marshall Islands; and Sebastian Anefal, Secretary of Economic Affairs, Federated States of Micronesia.

### U.S. TAX POLICY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded hearings on U.S. international tax rules on the competitiveness of U.S. businesses abroad, after receiving testimony from Senators Allen, Boxer, and Ensign; Pamela Olson, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy; H. David Rosenbloom, Caplin and Drysdale, Washington, D.C.; James R. Hines, Jr., University of Michigan Business School, Ann Arbor; Daniel Kostenbauder, Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, California; Charles J. Hahn, Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Michigan; Michael Gaffney, Merrill Lynch and Co., New York, New York, on behalf of the Securities Industry Association; and Stephen E. Shay, Ropes and Gray, LLP, Boston, Massachusetts.

### HAITI

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine successes and challenges for U.S. policy relative to promoting economic development in Haiti, including related measures S. 489, to expand certain preferential trade treatment for Haiti and Public Law 105–277, the Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act, after receiving testimony from Marc Grossman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; John B. Taylor, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Paul Farmer, Harvard Medical School Department of Social Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts; Steven David Forester, Haitian Women of Miami, and Rudolph Moise, Haitian Broadcasting Network, both of Miami, Florida.

### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee held hearings to examine certain situations where parents must relinquish custody in order to secure mental health services for their children, receiving testimony from Representatives Stark and Patrick Kennedy; Trina W. Osher, Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Alexandria, Virginia; Tammy Seltzer, Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, Washington, D.C.; Jane Adams, Keys for Networking, Topeka, Kansas; Theresa Brown, Westbrook, Maine; Cynthia Yonan, Glendale Heights, Illinois; and Patricia Cooper, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Hearings continue on Thursday, July 17, 2003.