

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2330, Burma Freedom and Democracy Act.

The House passed H.R. 1950, Millennium Challenge Account, Peace Corps Expansion, and Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 2003.

The House passed H.R. 2122, the Project BioShield Act.

House Committee ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004: Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies; and Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9433–S9513

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1418–1421, and S. Res. 196–197. **Page S9496**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2004”. (S. Rept. No. 108–103)

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. Rept. No. 108–102)

S. 929, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for security improvements to over-the-road bus operations, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–104) **Pages S9495–96**

Measures Passed

Burma Freedom and Democracy Act: By 94 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 280), Senate passed 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, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S9440–48, S9457

Native American Health and Wellness Foundation Act: Senate passed S. 555, to establish the Na-

tive American Health and Wellness Foundation, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

Pages S9508–11

Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Indian Health: Senate passed S. 558, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health.

Pages S9511–12

Higher Education Act Amendment: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 570, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the qualifications of foreign schools, and the bill was then passed.

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Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 197, to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in *State of Colorado v. Carrie Ann Hoppes, Andrew M. Bennett, Christopher J. Friedman, Andrew Jonathan Tirman, Carolyn Elizabeth Bninski, Melissa Noelle Rossman, Rachael Esther Kaplan*.

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Capitol Rotunda Ceremony Permission: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 236, permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the unveiling of the statue of Sacagawea provided by the State of North Dakota for display in Statuary Hall.

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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 S9448–56, S9457–84

Adopted:

By 93 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 282), Daschle Amendment No. 1269, to provide National Guard and Reserve forces access to TRICARE.

Pages S9457–59, S9463

Rejected:

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. (By 53 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 278), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S9448–51, S9455–56

Bingaman Amendment No. 1268, to require a report on the individuals being detained by the United States Government as enemy combatants. (By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 279), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S9451–55, S9456

Boxer Amendment No. 1271, to require reports on U.S. operations in Iraq. (By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 281), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Kennedy Amendment No. 1273, to require a report on the United States strategy for reconstruction in Iraq. (By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 283), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Corzine Amendment No. 1275, to establish the National Commission on the Development and Use of Intelligence Related to Iraq. (By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 284), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S9471–75, S9480

McCain Amendment No. 1270, to prohibit the use of funds for certain programs, projects, and activities. (By 79 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 285), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 17, 2003, and that Senator Harkin be recognized to speak for up to 25 minutes; that if Republican amendments are offered that they be interspersed between the following first-degree amendments offered by the following Democratic Members: Senators Dodd, Byrd, Wyden, Durbin, Biden, Byrd, Kennedy, Byrd, and Schumer.

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Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the Right Honorable Tony Blair, M.P., Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, into the House Chamber for the joint meeting tomorrow.

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Appointments:

British-American Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appointed Senators Gregg and Cornyn as delegates of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 108th Congress.

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U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–388, as amended by Public Law 97–84 and Public Law 106–292, appointed the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the 108th Congress: Senators Reid and Boxer.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for a term of four years.

Lisa Genevieve Nason, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2004.

Georgianna E. Ignace, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2004.

John Richard Grimes, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2006.

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Messages From the House: **Pages S9492–93**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S9508**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S9508**

Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—285) **Pages S9456–57, S9463, S9471, S9480**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:50 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 17, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9513.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for energy and water development programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

Nominations:

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Thomas W. O'Connell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and Paul Morgan Longworth, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration.

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the semi-annual Monetary Policy Report of the Federal Reserve and the economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

INTERNET TAX MORATORIUM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access, focusing on the costs of tax compliance, and benefits achieved under the Internet Tax Freedom Act, after receiving testimony from Billy Hamilton, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Austin; Joseph A. Ripp, America Online, Inc., Dulles, Virginia; Paul Misener, Amazon.com, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Mark Beshears, Sprint Corporation, Overland Park, Kansas.

MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, focusing on improvements to marine

mammal bycatch reduction efforts, enforcement, and other important aspects of marine mammal conservation management policy, after receiving testimony from Rebecca Lent, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Marshall P. Jones, Jr., Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Vice Admiral Charles W. Moore, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics; David Cottingham, Marine Mammal Commission, Bethesda, Maryland; Rear Admiral Richard West, USN, (Ret.), Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education, and Nina M. Young, The Ocean Conservancy, both of Washington, D.C.; Peter Tyack, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts; and Charles Johnson, Alaska Nanuq Commission, Nome, Alaska.

GREAT LAKES RESTORATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Senators DeWine and Levin; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office; Robyn Thorson, Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Thomas V. Skinner, Region V Administrator, National Program Manager for the Great Lakes, Environmental Protection Agency; Colonel William E. Ryan III, Deputy Commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Timothy R.E. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Illinois State Senator Susan Garrett, Springfield; Christopher Jones, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Columbus, on behalf of the Council of Great Lakes Governors; Dennis L. Schornack, Chair, United States Section, International Joint Commission, Washington, D.C.; and Margaret Wooster, Great Lakes United, Buffalo, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills: