

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2658, Defense Appropriations.

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to Receive the Right Honorable Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

House passed H.R. 2691, Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9515–S9619

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1422–1431. **Page S9592**

Measures Reported:

S. 1424, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. (S. Rept. No. 108–105)

S. 1426, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. (S. Rept. No. 108–106)

S. 1427, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. (S. Rept. No. 108–107)

S. Con. Res. 53, honoring and congratulating chambers of commerce for their efforts that contribute to the improvement of communities and the strengthening of local and regional economies. **Page S9591**

Measures Passed

Defense Appropriations: By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 290), Senate passed H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9516–45, S9547–58, S9560–75**

Adopted:

Dodd Amendment No. 1276, to require a review and report regarding the effects of use of contractual offset arrangements and memoranda of understanding and related agreements on the effectiveness of buy-American requirements. **Pages S9519–20**

By 81 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 286), Byrd Amendment No. 1281, to state the sense of Congress on funding of ongoing overseas military operations, including overseas contingency operations. **Pages S9536–45**

Stevens (for Santorum) Amendment No. 1285, to make available from amounts available for Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve, \$2,000,000 for a Software Engineering Institute Information Assurance Initiative. **Pages S9562–63**

Stevens Amendment No. 1286, to provide up to \$10,000,000 of Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide funds for civil-military programs and the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program. **Pages S9562–63**

Stevens (for Allard) Amendment No. 1287, to increase by \$10,000,000 the amount of Missile Procurement, Air Force funds set aside for assured access to space. **Pages S9562–63**

Stevens Amendment No. 1288, to provide for a study of mail delivery to troops in the Middle East. **Pages S9562–63**

Stevens Amendment No. 1289, to conform the appropriation provision relating to use of RDT&E, Defense-Wide funds for an initial set of missile defense capabilities to the corresponding authorization provision. **Pages S9562–63**

Stevens (for Kyl) Amendment No. 1290, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation for the Air Force, \$4,000,000 for adaptive optics research. **Pages S9562–63**

Stevens (for Chafee) Amendment No. 1291, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy, \$1,000,000 for the completion of the Rhode Island Disaster Initiative. **Pages S9562–63**

Stevens (for Warner) Amendment No. 1292, to make available from amounts available for military personnel, \$8,000,000 for the costs during fiscal year 2004 of an increase in the amount of the death gratuity payable with respect to members of the Armed Forces from \$6,000 to \$12,000. **Pages S9562-63**

Stevens (for Collins/Snowe) Amendment No. 1293, to make available from amounts available for Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy, \$20,000,000 for DDG-51 modernization planning. **Pages S9562-63**

Stevens (for Nickles) Amendment No. 1294, to make available from amounts available for Operation and Maintenance, Army, \$4,000,000 for the Army Museum of the Southwest at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. **Pages S9562-63**

Stevens (for Roberts) Amendment No. 1295, to limit the use of funds for the privatization or transfer to another Federal agency of the prison guard functions at the United States Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. **Pages S9562-63**

Stevens (for Voinovich) Amendment No. 1296, to make available from amounts available for Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps, \$6,000,000 for the purchase of HMMWV tires. **Pages S9562-63**

Stevens (for Burns) Amendment No. 1297, to make available from amounts available for National Guard Personnel, Army, \$2,500,000 for Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration Activities, and to make available from amounts available for Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard, \$1,500,000 for such activities. **Pages S9562-63**

Stevens (for Chambliss) Amendment No. 1298, to prohibit the use of funds to decommission a Naval or Marine Corps Reserve aviation squadron pending a Comptroller General report on the requirements of the Navy and Marine Corps for tactical aviation. **Pages S9562-63**

Stevens (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1299, to limit the use of funds for converting to contractor performance of Department of Defense activities and functions. **Pages S9563-64**

Stevens (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1300, to appropriate funds to settle certain claims of United States prisoners of war who performed forced or slave labor for Japanese companies during World War II. **Pages S9564-66**

Inouye (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1301, to make available from amounts available for Procurement, Defense-Wide, \$20,000,000 for procurement of secure cellular telephones for the Department of Defense and the elements of the intelligence community. **Page S9566-69**

Inouye (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1302, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army,

\$5,000,000 to support Shortstop Electronic Protection Systems research and development efforts. **Page S9566-69**

Inouye (for Durbin) Amendment No. 1303, to require a study of the mission of the 932nd Airlift Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. **Page S9566-69**

Inouye (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 1304, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, \$3,000,000 for Project Ancile. **Page S9566-69**

Inouye (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 1305, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, \$2,000,000 for Knowledge Management Fusion. **Page S9566-69**

Inouye (for Schumer/Clinton) Amendment No. 1306, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, \$3,000,000 for the Large Energy National Shock Tunnel (LENS). **Page S9566-69**

Inouye (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 1307, to make available from amounts available for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, \$7,000,000 for the Ultra-low Power Battlefield Sensor System. **Page S9566-69**

Inouye (for Biden) Amendment No. 1308, to require a report on the feasibility of developing and deploying a nuclear debris collection and analysis capability to permit the characterization of detonated nuclear devices. **Page S9566-69**

Inouye (for Bayh/Lugar) Amendment No. 1309, to make available amounts available for Operation and Maintenance, Army, \$15,000,000 for upgrades for M1A1 Abrams tank transmissions. **Page S9566-69**

Inouye Amendment No. 1310, to make available amounts available for Operation and Maintenance, Army, \$2,000,000 to promote civil rights education and history in the Army. **Page S9566-69**

Inouye (for Harkin) Amendment No. 1311, to require reports on safety issues due to defective parts. **Page S9566-69**

Inouye (for Wyden/Byrd) Amendment No. 1312, to require a report on the reconstruction of Iraq. **Page S9566-69**

Inouye (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1313, to provide travel reimbursement to the spouses and dependents of deployed military personnel when they visit family members. **Page S9566-69**

Inouye (for Biden) Amendment No. 1314, to make available amounts available for Aircraft Procurement, Air Force, \$19,700,000 for C-5 aircraft in-service modifications for the procurement of additional C-5 aircraft Avionics Modernization Program kits. **Page S9566-69**

Inouye (for Schumer/Bingaman) Amendment No. 1315, to require a report on the establishment of police and military forces in Iraq. **Pages S9560–62**

Inouye (for Byrd/Grassley) Amendment No. 1316, to continue in effect a provision of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2003, relating to evaluations of creditworthiness for issuance of Government charge cards. **Pages S9566–69**

Rejected:

Durbin Amendment No. 1277, to limit the availability of funds for the Intelligence Community Management Account pending a report on the development and use of intelligence relating to Iraq and Operation Iraqi Freedom. (By 62 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 287), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Byrd Amendment No. 1283, to rescind \$1,100,000,000 of the amounts appropriated for procurement and research, development, test and evaluation, and to appropriate \$1,100,000,000 for fighting AIDS/HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria. (By 71 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 288), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Feingold Amendment No. 1279, to state the sense of the Senate on a report on the detention and April 11, 2003, escape in Yemen of the suspects in the attack on the USS *Cole*. **Pages S9531–32**

Kennedy Amendment No. 1280, to limit the use of funds of converting to contractor performance of Department of Defense activities and functions.

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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 Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, Hutchison, Burns, Inouye, Hollings, Byrd, Leahy, Harkin, Dorgan, Durbin, Reid, and Feinstein.

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Memorial Construction Authority Extension: Senate passed S. 470, to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9605–18**

Land Conveyance Act: Senate passed S. 490, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

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Buffalo Soldier Commemoration Act: Senate passed S. 499, to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish in the State of

Louisiana a memorial to honor the Buffalo Soldiers, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9605–18**

Paleontological Resources Preservation Act: Senate passed S. 546, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9605–18**

Hibben Center for Archaeological Research Act: Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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National Trails System Willing Seller Act: Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Boundary Revision Act: Senate passed 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, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9605–18**

Lands Exchange: Senate passed S. 924, to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9605–18**

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Education Center Act: Senate passed S. 1076, to authorize construction of an education center at or near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Easement Grant: Senate passed 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, clearing the measure for the President.

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Kris Eggle Visitor Center Designation Act: Senate passed H.R. 1577, to designate the visitor center in Organ Pipe National Monument in Arizona as the "Kris Eggle Visitor Center", clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S9605–18**

Land Conveyance Act: Senate passed H.R. 74, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California, clearing the measure for the President.

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Foundation for the National Institutes of Health Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 314, to make improvements in the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health.

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William J. Scherle Post Office Building: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1399, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South Vine Street in Glenwood, Iowa, as the “William J. Scherle Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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Honoring Chambers of Commerce: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 53, honoring and congratulating chambers of commerce for their efforts that contribute to the improvement of communities and the strengthening of local and regional economies.

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Homeland Security Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, at 1:30 p.m., on Monday, July 21, 2003.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 289), Allyson K. Duncan, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

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Louise W. Flanagan, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gwendolyn Brown, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

George H. Walker, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—290) Pages S9544–45, S9557, S9559, S9572

Adjournment: Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 9:30 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, July 21, 2003. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S9584.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 1426) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004;

An original bill (S. 1427) making appropriations for agriculture, rural development and food and drug administration and related agencies programs for fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; and

An original bill (S. 1424) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

Also, committee began consideration of an original bill, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, but did not take final action thereon, and will continue on Thursday, July 24.

FEDERAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine regulatory oversight of government sponsored enterprise accounting practices, focusing on the role of a federal financial safety and soundness regulator, an approach to examining accounting practices and controls over financial reporting, executive compensation, corporate governance, and legislative enhancements,