

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,

after receiving testimony from Armando Falcon, Jr., Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1389, to authorize appropriations for the Surface Transportation Board for fiscal years 2004 through 2008, with amendments;

S. 1402, to authorize appropriations for activities under the Federal railroad safety laws for fiscal years 2004 through 2008, with amendments;

S. 1250, to improve, enhance, and promote the Nation's homeland security, public safety, and citizen activated emergency response capabilities through the use of enhanced 911 services, to further upgrade Public Safety Answering Point capabilities and related functions in receiving E-911 calls, and to support the construction and operation of a ubiquitous and reliable citizen activated system;

S. 1401, to reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with amendments;

S. 1400, to develop a system that provides for ocean and coastal observations, to implement a research and development program to enhance security at United States ports, to implement a data and information system required by all components of an integrated ocean observing system and related research, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1404, to amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, with amendments;

S. 1395, to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce for fiscal years 2004 through 2005, with amendments; and

The nominations of Nicole R. Nason, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Pamela Harbour, of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner.

DOE LABORATORY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the contrast between management of science and technology resources by the Department of Energy with management of such resources in other agencies and in the private sector towards the goal of suggesting approaches for optimizing DOE's management and use of its science and technology resources, after receiving testimony from William Schneider, Jr., Chairman, Defense Science Board, Department of Defense; John H. Gibbons, Resource Strategies, The Plains, Virginia,

former Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, and former Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Victor H. Reis, Hicks and Associates, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and William J. Spencer, International SEMATECH, Austin, Texas.

EXOTIC ANIMALS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine the importation of exotic species and the impact on public health and safety, after receiving testimony from Senator Ensign; John Clifford, Associate Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; Lester M. Crawford, Deputy Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, and Stephen M. Ostroff, Deputy Director, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Marshall P. Jones, Jr., Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Gabriela Chavarria, National Wildlife Federation, Reston, Virginia, on behalf of the National Environmental Coalition on Invasive Species; Robert A. Cook, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, on behalf of the Wildlife Conservation Society; and N. Marshall Meyers, Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, Washington, D.C.

NURSING HOME QUALITY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine nursing home quality, focusing on reports of abuse and neglect and federal efforts to improve conditions in nursing homes, after receiving testimony from Senator Bond; Dara Corrigan, Acting Principal Deputy Inspector General, and Thomas A. Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Care Issues, General Accounting Office; Mary K. Ousley, Sun Bridge Health Care Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on behalf of the American Health Care Association; Jeanne M. Hodgson, Ranson, West Virginia; and Sheila E. Albores, Oak Park, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 1416, to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement; and

S. 1417, to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

BENEFITS FOR VICTIMS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM ACT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine S. 1275, to establish a comprehensive federal program to provide benefits to U.S. victims of international terrorism, focusing on issues including the importance of blocked assets for U.S. foreign policy and national security interests, and maintaining a proper balance between administrative and litigation alternatives for international terrorism claims, receiving testimony from William H. Taft IV, Legal Adviser, Department of State; and Stuart E. Eizenstat, Covington and Burling, and Allan Gerson, George Washington University and Gerson International Law Group, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain situations where parents must relinquish custody in order to secure mental health services for their children, focusing on adolescent males with severe mental health problems, limitations in private and public insurance, difficulties accessing services through mental health and education agencies, and expanding community mental health services and supporting families, after receiving testimony from Charles G. Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; J. Robert Flores, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; and Cornelia M. Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1416, to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement;

S. 1417, to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement;

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; and

The nominations of Kathleen Cardone, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, James I. Cohn, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Frank Montalvo, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Xavier Rodriguez, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Jack Landman Goldsmith III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 2766–2789; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 247, and H. Res. 323, were introduced. **Pages H7084–85**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7085–86**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2765, 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, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 108–214).

H. Res. 287, directing the Attorney General 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, with amendments (H. Rept. 108–215);

H.R. 1572, to designate the historic Federal District Court Building located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the “Winston E. Arnow Federal Building”, amended (H. Rept. 108–216);

H.R. 1668, to designate the United States courthouse located at 101 North Fifth Street in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the “Ed Edmondson United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 108–217);

H.R. 1038, to increase the penalties to be imposed for a violation of fire regulations applicable to