

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 1538, True American Heroes Act of 2003.

The House passed H.R. 911, to authorize the establishment of a memorial to victims who died as a result of terrorist acts against the United States or its people, at home or abroad, by a voice vote.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11365–S11427

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1607–1613, S. Res. 224, and S. Con. Res. 67. **Page S11416**

Measures Passed:

September 11, 2001 Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 224, expressing the sense of the Senate on the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001. **Pages S11365–80**

Federal Annuity Adjustments: Senate passed H.R. 978, to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percentage point relating to periods of receiving disability payments, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11424**

FCC Media Ownership: Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 17, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership. **Pages S11383–S11402**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 16, 2003, with 60 minutes of debate remaining, the resolution be read a third time, and a vote on final passage to occur thereon. **Page S11427**

Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. **Pages S11402–06**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, at 2:30, on Monday, September 15, 2003. **Page S11427**

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the September 10, 2003 passage of H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, Senate agree to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11426–27**

Frist (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1649 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide the Director of the National Institutes of Health with the authority to carry out the NIH Roadmap to provide for rapid advances in the biomedical research process. **Pages S11426–27**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S11427**

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Adjournment: Senate met at 8:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, September 15, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11427.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on lessons learned regarding Operation Iraqi Freedom from Brigadier General Robert Cone, USA, Director, Operation Iraqi Freedom Joint Lessons Learned Collection Team; Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command; and General Gary Luck, USA (Retired), former Commander, U.S. Forces-Korea, Senior Advisor to the U.S. Joint Forces Command.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 849, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership, S. 511, to provide permanent funding for the Payment In Lieu of Taxes program, S. 432, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct and support research into alternative treatments for timber produced from public lands and lands withdrawn from the public domain for the National Forest System, and S.1582, to amend the Valles Preservation Act to improve the preservation of the Valles Caldera, after receiving testimony from Senator McCain; Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the

Environment; Chris Kearney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy Management and Budget; Dennis Well, City Manager, Williams, Arizona; Tony Gioia, Council Member, Camp Verde, Arizona; Harry Mendoza, McKinley County Commissioner, Gallup, New Mexico; and Jeffrey R. Ellis, Chemicals and Plastics Technology, Plantation, Florida.

U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S.-China relations, focusing on China's rise in prominence in a geostrategic, political, commercial, cultural influence, human rights violations, Chinese military capability, and the state of China's economy, after receiving testimony from James A. Kelly, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Nicholas R. Lardy, Institute for International Economics, T. Kumar, Amnesty International USA, Harold Brown, and Kurt M. Campbell, each of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

VA ENHANCED SERVICES INITIATIVE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs' Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Initiative, the effort to develop a roadmap relative to the allocation of capital resources within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), including developing market plans to address planning initiatives and space requirements, realignments and consolidations, after receiving testimony from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary, Robert H. Roswell, Under Secretary for Health, Everett Alvarez, Jr., Chairman, Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services Commission, and Jay Halpern, Acting Director of the National CARES Program Office, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3075–3083; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 278, were introduced. **Page H8216**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8216–17**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

S. 111, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the na-

tional significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park, (H. Rept. 108–268); and

H.R. 1006, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wild-life species, amended, (H. Rept. 108–269).

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