

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Agriculture to conduct and support research into alternative treatments for timber produced from public lands and lands withdrawn from the public domain for the National Forest System, and S.1582, to amend the Valles Preservation Act to improve the preservation of the Valles Caldera,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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