

Works); and Robert B. Flowers, Chief, Corps of Engineers.

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to consider pending Committee business.

#### JOINT INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to consider recommendations from the Joint Inquiry.

#### POWER BLACKOUTS IMPLICATIONS— NATION'S CYBERSECURITY AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

*Select Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security concluded joint hearings entitled "Implications of Power Blackouts for the Nation's Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection: The Electric Grid, Critical Interdependencies, Vulnerabilities, and Readiness." Testimony was heard from Robert Liscouski, Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Denise Swink, Acting Director, Office of Energy Assurance, Department of Energy; Robert F. Dacey, Director, Information Security, GAO; and Col. Michael McDaniel, Assistant Adjutant General, Homeland Security, State of Michigan.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### CHECHNYA

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):* on Tuesday, September 16, 2003, Commission concluded a hearing to examine the current situation and future of Chechnya, after receiving testimony from Steven Pifer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; Lord Frank Judd, Member of the British House of Lords, London, United Kingdom, former Co-Chairman, Council of Europe-Duma Parliamentary Working Group on Chechnya; and Robert Bruce Ware, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; and Anna Politkovskaya, Moscow, Russia.

#### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed

versions of H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

#### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

#### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT

*Conferees* met in closed session and agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold a closed briefing on ongoing military operations and areas of key concern around the world, 10:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

##### House

*Committee on Government Reform,* to consider the following: H. Con. Res. 106, recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month;" H. Con. Res. 270, supporting the goals and ideals of College Savings Month; H. Res. 357, Honoring the life and legacy of Bob Hope; H.R. 2075, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Services located at 1905 West Blue Heron Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the "Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building;" H.R. 2533, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10701 Abercorn Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "J.C. Lewis, Jr. Post Office Building;" and H.E. 3068, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2055 Siesta Drive in Sarasota, Florida, as the "Brigadier General (AUS-Ret.) John H. McLain Post Office," followed by a hearing titled "What Happened to GPRA? A Retrospective Look At Government Performance and Results," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.