

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House committees ordered reported 32 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13423–S13533

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1794–1797 and S. Res. 253–254. **Page S13516**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2004”. (S. Rept. No. 108–175)

H.R. 743, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–176)

S. 1066, to correct a technical error from Unit T–07 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–177)

S. 1643, to exempt certain coastal barrier property from financial assistance and flood insurance limitations under the Coastal Barriers Resources Act and the National Flood Act of 1968, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–178) **Page S13515**

Measures Passed:

David Bybee Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 1405, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 17th Street Moline, Illinois, as the “David Bybee Post Office Building”. **Page S13531**

James E. Davis Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 1590, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service, located at 315 Empire Boulevard in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York, as the “James E. Davis Post Office Building”. **Page S13531**

John G Dow Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 1659, to designate the facility of the United

States Postal Service located at 57 Old Tappan Road in Tappan, New York, as the “John G Dow Post Office Building”. **Page S13531**

Senator James B. Pearson Post Office: Senate passed S. 1718, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the “Senator James B. Pearson Post Office”. **Pages S13531–32**

Walt Disney Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1610, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Ritchie Avenue in Marceline, Missouri, as the “Walt Disney Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13532**

Arthur ‘Pappy’ Kennedy Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1882, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the “Arthur ‘Pappy’ Kennedy Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13532**

Eddie Mae Steward Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 1883, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601–1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the “Eddie Mae Steward Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13532**

Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2075, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 West Blue Heron Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the “Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13532**

Bruce Woodbury Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2254, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Colorado Street in Boulder City, Nevada, as the “Bruce Woodbury Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13532**

Stephen Horn Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2309, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Redondo Avenue in Long Beach, California, as the "Stephen Horn Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13532**

Robert A. Borski Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2328, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Robert A. Borski Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13532**

Francisco A. Martinez Flores Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 2396, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1210 Highland Avenue in Duarte, California, as the "Francisco A. Martinez Flores Post Office", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13532**

Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2452, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 339 Hicks-ville Road in Bethpage, New York, as the "Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13532**

J.C. Lewis, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed 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", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13532**

Barbara B. Kennelly Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2746, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Weston Street in Hartford, Connecticut, as the "Barbara B. Kennelly Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13532**

Bob Hope Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3011, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 East Olive Avenue in Burbank, California, as the "Bob Hope Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13532**

Commending Florida Marlins: Senate agreed to S. Res. 254, commending the Florida Marlins baseball team for winning the 2003 World Series. **Pages S13532–33**

Foreign Operation Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2800, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13431–35**

Pending:

DeWine Amendment No. 1966, to increase assistance to combat HIV/AIDS. **Page S13431**

McConnell Amendment No. 1970, to express the sense of the Senate on Burma. **Page S13431**

Feinstein Amendment No. 1977, to clarify the definition of HIV/AIDS prevention for purposes of providing funds for therapeutic medical care. **Page S13431**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the follow action:

By 43 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 415), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to suspend Rule XVI, with respect to Dorgan/Schumer Amendment No. 2800, to urge the President to release information regarding sources of foreign support for the 9–11 hijackers. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was not germane under Rule XVI, was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S13435**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill with certain first-degree amendments in order, subject to relevant second-degree amendments; that following the disposition of the amendments, the bill be read a third time, and the Senate vote on final passage of the bill; that following passage of the bill, Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint Conferees on the part of the Senate, which will consist of the subcommittee membership and Senators Stevens and Byrd. **Page S13484**

Healthy Forests Restoration Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13435–84**

Adopted:

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 416), Cochran Amendment No. 1828, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S13449–76, S13480**

By 94 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 417), Boxer Amendment No. 2025, to enact the Firefighters Medical Monitoring Act. **Pages S13481–82**

By 78 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 418), Boxer Amendment No. 2026, to enact the Disaster Air Quality Monitoring Act. **Pages S13482–83**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill following disposition of S. 139, Climate Stewardship Act, on Thursday, October 30, 2003. **Pages S13483–84**

Climate Stewardship Act: Pursuant to the order of July 31, 2003, Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 139, to provide for a program of scientific research on abrupt climate change, to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradable allowances that could be used interchangeably with passenger vehicle fuel economy standard credits, to limit greenhouse gas emissions in the United States and reduce dependence upon foreign oil, and ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances, and the Senate then began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13484–S13509**

Pending:

Lieberman/McCain Amendment No. 2028, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S13485–S13509**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, if cloture is not invoked on the nomination of Charles W. Pickering, Sr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, October 30, 2003, with two hours of debate remaining. **Page S13533**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Charles W. Pickering, Sr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, at 9 a.m., on Thursday, October 30, 2003; that there be 60 minutes of debate; following which, Senate will vote on the motion to close further debate on the nomination, to occur at approximately 10 a.m. **Page S13533**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12938 with respect to weapons of mass destruction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–53) **Pages S13512–13**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the national emergency with respect to Sudan relative to the threat to national security and foreign policy of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–54) **Page S13513**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Arnold I. Havens, of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

Susan K. Sclafani, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education. **Page S13533**

Messages From the House: **Page S13513**

Measures Referred: **Page S13513**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S13521–30**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Pages S13530–31**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S13531**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—418) **Pages S13435, S13480, S13482, S13483**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:13 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, October 30, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13533.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NASA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing on the future of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, focusing on NASA's Strategic Plan for future space research and exploration, after receiving testimony from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Admiral Harold Gehman, USN (Ret.), Chairman, Columbia Accident Investigation Board; Wesley T. Huntress, Jr., Geophysical Laboratory, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Washington, D.C.; Robert Zurbrin, Mars Society, Lakewood, Colorado; David Woods, Ohio State University Institute for Ergonomics, Columbus; and Rick N. Tumlinson, Space Frontier Foundation, Nyack, New York.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space concluded a hearing on the status of the International Space Station, focusing on the impact the Columbia