

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S13839–S13945*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1815–1819, and S. Res. 258. **Page S13909**

#### Measures Passed:

*Federal Court Proceedings:* Senate passed S. 1720, to provide for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

**Pages S13944–45**

**National Consumer Credit Reporting System Improvement Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 1753, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act in order to prevent identity theft, to improve the use of and consumer access to consumer reports, to enhance the accuracy of consumer reports, to limit the sharing of certain consumer information, to improve financial education and literacy, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S13848–91**

#### Adopted:

Shelby/Sarbanes Amendment No. 2053, in the nature of a substitute. (Amendment, as agreed to, will be considered original text for the purpose of further amendment.) **Pages S13849–60**

Cantwell/Enzi Amendment No. 2059, to provide for certain information to be provided to victims of identity theft. **Pages S13876–77**

Boxer/Feinstein Amendment No. 2060, to address the duration of certain consumer elections and to define the term “pre-existing business relationship”. **Pages S13877–78**

Feinstein Amendment No. 2061, to address restrictions on the sharing of medical information among affiliates. **Pages S13878–79**

Corzine Amendment No. 2064, to require financial institutions and other users of consumer reports to provide notice to appropriate Federal agencies in cases in which consumer information is compromised. **Pages S13884–85**

Shelby (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 2067, to ensure proper disposal of consumer information and records derived from consumer reports. **Pages S13889–90**

#### Rejected:

Feinstein Amendment No. 2054, to create a national opt-out standard for affiliate sharing to prevent personal customer information from being shared by affiliated companies. (By 70 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 434), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S13860–76**

Feingold Amendment No. 2065, to provide for data-mining reports to Congress. (By 61 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 435), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S13885–86, S13890–91**

#### Withdrawn:

Durbin Amendment No. 2062, to require reporting to national consumer reporting agencies regarding Federal student loans in order to promote the responsible repayment of such loans and ensure the completeness of information contained in consumer credit reports and scores. **Pages S13879–81**

Feingold Amendment No. 2066, to require a report to Congress regarding Federal acquisitions of American-made products. **Pages S13886–89**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate vote on final passage of the bill on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader after consultation with the Democratic Leader; following which Senate will 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; further, that today, S. 1753 be returned to the calendar. **Page S13891**

**Agriculture Appropriations Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following morning business, at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. **Page S13891**

**Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act—Amendment Modified:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the November 3, 2003 passage of H.R. 3365, to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the death gratuity payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces and to exclude such gratuity from gross income, to provide additional tax relief for members of the Armed Forces and their families, the following amendment, previously agreed to, was modified:

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McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 2051, in the nature of a substitute.

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**Appointments:** (The following appointment was announced by the Chair on November 3, 2003.)

**National Council of the Arts:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, announced the appointment of the following Senator to serve as a member of the National Council of the Arts: Senator Bennett, vice Senator Sessions.

**Pages S13836–37**

**Nomination Considered:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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A second motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, November 6, 2003.

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**Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary for a period not to exceed 30 days of Senate session.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Gwendolyn Brown, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—435) **Pages S13876, S13890 91**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:33 a.m., and adjourned at 7:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 5, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13945.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FINANCIAL RECONSTRUCTION IN IRAQ

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing on current financial reconstruction efforts in Iraq, focusing on activities to develop a sound infrastructure for economic recovery, after receiving testimony from M. Peter McPherson, Michigan State University, East Lansing, former Director of Economic Development, Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq; and Mark Malloch Brown, United Nations Development Programme, New York, New York.

### NOMINATIONS

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Cheryl Feldman Halpern, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, who was introduced by Senator Lautenberg, Elizabeth Courtney, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, who was introduced by Senator Allen, Kirk Van Tine, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, who was introduced by Senator Allen, and Michael D. Gallagher, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

**Committee on Finance:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael O'Grady, of Maryland, and Jennifer Young, of Ohio, who was introduced by Senator Voinovich, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Bradley D. Belt, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William J. Hudson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Tunisia, Margaret Scobey, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Syria, and Thomas Riley, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, after the nominees, who were introduced by Senator Chafee, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**NORTH KOREA**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the human rights situation in North Korea, focusing on prison camps, six-party peace talks, the United Nations Human Rights Commission efforts, and strategies for those seeking asylum, after receiving testimony from David Hawk, U.S. Committee for Human Rights in North Korea, Mark Palmer, Capital Development Corporation, Sandy Rios, North Korea Freedom Coalition, Mike Mochizuki, George Washington University Sigur Center for Asian Studies, T. Kumar, Amnesty International, and Joel R. Charney, Refugees International, all of Washington, D.C.

**MENTAL HEALTH REPORT**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Mental

Health Services concluded a hearing to examine the report from the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health relating to recommendations to improve mental health care in America, after receiving testimony from Charles G. Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Stephen W. Mayberg, Member, President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health; Paul S. Appelbaum, University of Massachusetts Medical School Department of Psychiatry, Worcester; Michael M. Faenza, National Mental Health Association, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Campaign for Mental Health Reform; Carlos Brandenburg, Nevada Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services, Carson City; and Ann Buchanan, Cockeysville, Maryland.

**DATABASE SECURITY: IDENTITY THEFT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine database security, focusing on identity theft and S. 1350, Notification of Risk to Personal Data Act, after receiving testimony from David J. McIntyre, Jr., TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Phoenix, Arizona; Mark MacCarthy, Visa USA, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Evan Hendricks, *Privacy Times*, Cabin John, Maryland.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Measures Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 3428–3439; and; 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 76; H. Con. Res. 320, and H. Res. 431–432 were introduced.

**Pages H10339–40**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H10340–41**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3145, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, amended (H. Rept. 108–339);

H.R. 3181, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster mitigation program (H. Rept. 108–340);

H.R. 1274, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouse in that county, amended (H. Rept. 108–341);

Conference report on H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–342);

H. Con. Res. 237, honoring the late Rick Lupe, lead forestry technician for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fort Apache Agency, for his dedication and service to the United States and for his essential service in fighting wildfires and protecting the environment and communities of Arizona (H. Rept. 108–343);

S. 677, to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado (H. Rept. 108–344);

S. 924, to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior (H. Rept. 108–345);

H.R. 506, to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico, amended (H. Rept. 108–346);

H.R. 1204, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties, amended (H. Rept. 108–347);

H. Res. 428, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1829, to amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prison Industries to compete for its contracts minimizing its unfair competition with private sector firms and their non-inmate workers and empowering Federal agencies to get the best value for taxpayers' dollars, to provide a five-year period during which Federal Prison Industries adjusts to obtaining inmate work opportunities through other than its mandatory source status, to enhance inmate access to remedial and vocational opportunities and other rehabilitative opportunities to better prepare inmates for a successful return to society, to authorize alternative inmate work opportunities in support of non-profit organizations (H. Rept. 108–348);

H. Res. 429, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–349);

H. Res. 430, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 76, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004 (H. Rept. 108–350); and

H.R. 2420, to improve transparency relating to the fees and costs that mutual fund investors incur and to improve corporate governance of mutual funds, amended (H. Rept. 108–351).

**Pages H10253–81, H10338–39**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Renzi to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10239**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. Johnny L. Green, Senior Pastor, Bethel Assembly of God in Savage, Maryland. **Page H10242**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:49 a.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H10241**

**Messages from the Clerk:** Read letters from the Clerk stating that he received messages from the Senate on Monday, November 3. **Page H10239**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**John G. Dow Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3166, 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; **Pages H10242–43**

**S. Truett Cathy Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3029, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 255 North Main Street in Jonesboro, Georgia, as the S. Truett Cathy Post Office Building; **Pages H10243–45**

**Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr. Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 2438, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Pine Street in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as the Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr. Post Office Building; **Pages H10245–46**

**Sense of Congress supporting the National Anthem “SingAmerica” project:** H. Con. Res. 262, expressing the sense of the Congress in support of the National Anthem “SingAmerica” project;

**Pages H10246–47, H10301**

**Supporting Financial Planning Week:** H. Con. Res. 176, supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Planning Week, recognizing the significant impact of sound financial planning on achieving life's goals, and honoring American families and the financial planning profession for their adherence and dedication to the financial planning process, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 381 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 602; **Pages H10247–48, H10312–13**

**Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3118, to designate the Orville Wright Federal Building and the Wilbur Wright Federal Building in Washington, District of Columbia;

**Pages H10248–49**

**Recognizing the American Concrete Institute:** H. Res. 394, recognizing the American Concrete Institute's 100-year contribution as the standards development organization of the concrete industry and for the safe and technologically current construction activity it has enabled, which contributes to the economic stability, quality of life, durability of infrastructure, and international competitiveness of the United States; **Pages H10249–50**

**Recognizing the National Stone, Sand, & Gravel Association:** H. Con. Res. 280, recognizing the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association for reaching its 100th Anniversary, and for the many vital contributions of its members to the Nation's economy and to improving the quality of life through the constantly expanding roles stone, sand, and gravel serve in the Nation's everyday life; **Pages H10250–53**

**E-911 Implementation Act of 2003:** H.R. 2898, amended, to improve homeland security, public safety, and citizen activated emergency response capabilities through the use of enhanced 911 wireless services;  
**Pages H10288-93**

**Animal Drug User Fee Act of 2003:** S. 313, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs;  
**Pages H10293-97**

**Recognizing the Contributions of Christian Colleges and Universities:** H. Res. 300, amended, recognizing the outstanding contributions of the faculty, staff, students, and alumni of Christian colleges and universities;  
**Pages H10297-H10300**

**Direct Support Professional Recognition Resolution:** H. Con. Res. 94, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that community inclusion and enhanced lives for individuals with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities is at serious risk because of the crisis in recruiting and retaining direct support professionals, which impedes the availability of a stable, quality direct support workforce, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 382 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 603;  
**Pages H10301-04, H10313-14**

**Honoring the Late Rick Lupe:** H. Con. Res. 237, honoring the late Rick Lupe, lead forestry technician for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fort Apache Agency, for his dedication and service to the United States and for his essential service in fighting wildfires and protecting the environment and communities of Arizona;  
**Pages H10304-05**

**Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests Land Exchange Act of 2003:** H.R. 2766, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado;  
**Pages H10305-07**

**Canyon of the Gunnison Boundary Revision Act of 2003:** S. 677, to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado—clearing the measure for the President;  
**Pages H10307-08**

**Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior Land Exchange Act:** S. 924, to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior—clearing the measure for the President;  
**Pages H10308-09**

**Galisteo Basin Archaeological Sites Protection Act:** H.R. 506, amended, to provide for the protec-

tion of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico; and  
**Page H10309-11 H**

**Clarifying the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa:** H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa.  
**Pages H10311-12**

**Suspension Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following motion to suspend the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, November 5:

**Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2003:** H.R. 2620, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000.  
**Pages H10281-88**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.  
**Page H10312**

**Labor/HHS Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** Representative DeLauro announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on 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.  
**Page H10314**

**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003:** Representative Becerra announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit.  
**Page H10314**

**Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003:** Representative Capps announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the medicare program and to strengthen and improve the medicare program.  
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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10239.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1210 was referred to the Committee on Resources; S. Con. Res. 58 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 1400 was referred to the Committees on Resources, Science, Armed Services, and Transportation; S. 269, S. 1757, S. Con. Res. 76, S. 1132 and S.J. Res. 22 were ordered held at the desk.  
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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H10341-44.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### “MUTUAL FUNDS: WHO’S LOOKING OUT FOR INVESTORS?”

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises hearing entitled “Mutual Funds: Who’s Looking Out for Investors?” Testimony was heard from Stephen M. Cutler, Director, Division of Enforcement, SEC; Eliot Spitzer, Attorney General, State of New York; Arthur Levitt, former Chairman, SEC; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue November 6.

### FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES: COMPETITION IN CONTRACTING ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1829, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2003. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and that each section shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Coble, Hoekstra, Toomey and Scott of Virginia.

### CONFERENCE REPORT—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

### FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2004

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 76, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

## BRIEFING—AFGHANISTAN UPDATE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Afghanistan Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold open and closed hearings to examine aviation security, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Edward B. O'Donnell, Jr., of Tennessee, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, Jon R. Purnell, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, Marguerita Dianne Ragsdale, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, and Stuart W. Holliday, of Texas, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, 9 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary Kramer, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Barbados and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Timothy John Dunn, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, James Curtis Struble, of California, to be Ambassador to Peru, and Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the report of the Presidential Commission on the U.S. Postal Service, 2 p.m., SD-342.

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*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, hearing to review domestic policies affecting the specialty crop industry, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services*, hearing on Sustaining Global Commitments: Implications for U.S. Forces, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings entitled “The Financial Collapse of HealthSouth,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Reforming Insurance Regulation—Making the Marketplace More Competitive for Consumers,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, joint hearing entitled “Protecting Homeowners: Preventing Abusive Lending While Preserving Access to Credit,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on the Case for a Social Investment Fund for the Americas, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 521, Steel Industry National Historic Site Act; H.R. 1798, Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage

Area Act; and H.R. 2693, Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, hearing on “Mercury Emissions: State of the Science and Technology”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on H.R. 3245, Commercial Space Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, hearing on Building Capabilities: The Intelligence Community’s National Security Requirements for Diversity of Languages, Skills, and Ethnic and Cultural Understanding, 2212 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Conference*: meeting of conferees on H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 11 a.m., HC-5, Capitol.

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings relating to rethinking the tax code, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 5

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After the transaction of routine morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.) Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2673, Agriculture Appropriations Act. Also, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1753, National Consumer Credit Reporting System Improvement Act, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon; and begin consideration of H.R. 1828, Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereign Restoration Act.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 5

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of suspensions:

(1) H.R. 3349, to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2004;

(2) H.R. 3214, Advancing Justice Through DNA Technology Act of 2003;

(3) H.R. 3348, to reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms; and

(4) H. Res. 425, recognizing and honoring the firefighters and other public servants who responded to the October, 2003, historically devastating, outbreak of wildfires in Southern California.

Consideration of postponed suspension: H.R. 2660, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2003.

Consideration of H.R. 2443, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003 (open rule, one hour of debate).

Consideration of H.R. 1829, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2003 (open rule, one hour of debate).

Consideration of H.J. Res. 76, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 (closed rule, one hour of debate).

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2559, Military Construction Appropriations Act of 2004 (rule waives all points of order).

**Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue**

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