

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate and House passed H.J. Res. 107, Continuing Resolution.

House Committees ordered reported 15 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9867–S9994

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2857–2866, and S. Res. 441–444. **Page S9936**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 1417, To amend title 17, United States Code, to replace copyright arbitration royalty panels with Copyright Royalty Judges, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Con. Res. 121, supporting the goals and ideals of the World Year of Physics. **Page S9936**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 443, to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in United States v. Roberto Martin. **Page S9985**

Government of American Samoa: Senate passed H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9986**

Congressional Award Act Reauthorization: Senate passed S. 2639, to authorize the Congressional Award Act, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9986–87**

Sessions (for Craig) Amendment No. 3784, to clarify acceptance of Federal funds and resources. **Page S9986**

Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4259, to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the financial accountability requirements applicable to the Department of Homeland Security,

to establish requirements for the Future Years Homeland Security Program of the Department, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S9987–88**

Congratulating Veterans of Foreign Wars: Senate agreed to S. Res. 444, congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its National Commander-In-Chief, John Furgess of Tennessee. **Pages S9988–89**

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation: Senate passed H.R. 4115, to amend the Act of November 2, 1966 (80 Stat. 1112), to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting the land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9989**

Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act Reauthorization: Senate passed S. 1601, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to provide for the reporting and reduction of child abuse and family violence incidences on Indian reservations, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9989–93**

Continuing Resolution: Senate passed H.J. Res. 107, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2005, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9993**

Native Americans Programs Act Reauthorization: Senate passed S. 2436, to reauthorize the Native American Programs Act of 1974, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S9993**

Sessions (for Inouye) Amendment No. 3783, to authorize research and educational activities relating to Native Hawaiian law. **Page S9993**

National Intelligence Reform Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2845, to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9873–S9916**

Adopted:

Burns Amendment No. 3773 (to Amendment 3766), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9904–05**

McCain Amendment No. 3766, to ensure the availability of electromagnetic spectrum for public safety entities. **Pages S9895, S9896, S9901–03, S9905**

McCain/Lieberman Amendment No. 3774, to enhance national preparedness. **Pages S9905–06**

Collins (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 3727, to amend provisions of law originally enacted in the Clinger-Cohen Act to enhance agency planning for information security needs. **Page S9913**

Collins (for Coleman) Amendment No. 3763, to strike the amendments made by section 202, regarding the National Homeland Security Council. **Pages S9913–14**

Wyden Modified Amendment No. 3704, to improve procedures relating to the classification of information. **Page S9914**

Rejected:

Specter/Feinstein Amendment No. 3761, to specify a term of service for the National Intelligence Director. (By 93 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 191), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S9883–95, S9896–97**

Specter Amendment No. 3706, to provide the National Intelligence Director with the authority to supervise, direct, and control all elements of the intelligence community performing national intelligence missions. (By 78 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No.192), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S9874–83, S9897**

Pending:

Collins Amendment No. 3705, to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification. **Page S9873**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 3767, to specify that the National Intelligence Director shall serve for one or more terms of up to 5 years each. **Pages S9895–96**

Warner/Stevens Amendment No. 3781, to modify the requirements and authorities of the Joint Intelligence Community Council. **Pages S9914–16**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that certain amendments be the only remaining amendments to the bill other than the pending amendments; further that they be subject to second degrees that are related to the subject matter of the first degree; further that all other provisions governing the consideration of this bill remain in effect. **Page S9875**

A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that all first degree amendments from the limited list to the bill be filed at the desk no later than 4 p.m., on Thursday, September 30, 2004, and that it be in order for the sponsor of any amendment to modify the filed amendment with the consent of their respective Leader. **Page S9985**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 30, 2004, and that upon conclusion of debate of Warner Amendment No. 3781, Senator Graham be recognized to offer the next amendment; provided further, that upon the conclusion of the first vote, Senator Byrd be recognized for up to 20 minutes. **Pages S9993–94**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S9958–85**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S9985**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S9985**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total–192) **Page S9897**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 30, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9994.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TERRORIST FINANCING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, focusing on efforts to identify and combat terrorist financing, after receiving testimony from former Representative Lee H. Hamilton, Vice Chair, and former Senator Slade Gorton, Commissioner, both of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; Stuart A. Levey, Under Secretary of Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence; Michael J. Garcia, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Immigration and Customs Enforcement; John E.

Lewis, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Mallory Factor, Mallory Factor, Inc., New York, New York; and Lee S. Wolosky, Boies, Schiller and Flexner, LLP, Washington, D.C.

STEM CELL RESEARCH

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded a hearing to examine the controversy over embryonic stem cell research, focusing on ethical safeguards in human research, and the moral status of the human embryo, after receiving testimony from Richard M. Doerflinger, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and David Prentice, Family Research Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University Center for Genetic Medicine, Chicago, Illinois; George Q. Daley, Harvard School of Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the American Society for Cell Biology; and Marc Hedrick, Macropore Biosurgery, San Diego, California.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 2410, to promote wildland firefighter safety; H.R. 1651, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California; S. 2378, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a heliport; H.R. 2400, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam; H.R. 3874, to convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal; H.R. 4170, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior; and S. Res. 387, commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, after receiving testimony from Guam Delegate Bordallo; Christopher Pyron, Deputy Chief for Business Operations, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Scott Cameron, Deputy Assistant

Secretary of the Interior for Performance and Management.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Marcie B. Ries, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Catherine Todd Bailey, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, and Douglas Menarchik, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 519, to establish a Native American-owned financial entity to provide financial services to Indian tribes, Native American organizations, and Native Americans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1905, to provide habitable living quarters for teachers, administrators, other school staff, and their households in rural areas of Alaska located in or near Alaska Native Villages, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 2843, to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, with amendments.

TRIBAL LOBBYING OVERSIGHT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held an oversight hearing on lobbying practices involving Indian tribes, focusing on the propriety of certain dealings and interactions, especially those relative to testimony and evidence in the pending matter *In re Tribal Lobbying Matters*, et. al., receiving testimony from Richard M. Milanovich, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Palm Springs, California; and Bernie Sprague and Christopher Petras, both of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Mount Pleasant.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 5162–5184; and; 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 502–505, and H. Res. 806, 808–809 were introduced. **Pages H7863–64**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H7864**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: S. 878, to authorize an additional permanent judgeship in the District of Idaho, amended (H. Rept. 108–708); and

H. Res. 807, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–709). **Pages H7862–63**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Bobby C. Dagnel, Pastor, First Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas. **Page H7737**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Putnam wherein he resigned from the Committees on Agriculture, Government Reform, and Budget. **Page H7737**

Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 806, electing Representative Cantor to the Committee on Government Reform and Representative Putnam to the Committee on Rules. **Page H7737**

Continuing Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2005: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 107, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2005, by a recorded vote of 389 ayes to 32 noes, Roll No. 479. **Pages H7740–41, H7778–86**

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the resolution back to the House promptly with amendments, by a yea and nay vote of 200 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 478. **Pages H7783–85**

H. Res. 802, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by voice vote. **Page H7783**

District of Columbia Personal Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 3193, amended, to restore second amendment rights in the District of Columbia, by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 171 noes and one voting “present”, Roll No. 477. **Pages H7741–44, H7758–77**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 108–707 was considered as adopted. **Page H7758**

H. Res. 803, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. **Pages H7758–76**

Committee Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s removal of Representative Boehlert from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the appointment of Representative Blunt to that committee to fill the existing vacancy. **Page H7749**

American Jobs Creation Act of 2004: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad, and agreed to a conference. **Page H7749**

Rejected the Neal motion to instruct conferees on the bill, by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 476. **Pages H7749–57, H7776**

Appointed as conferees: From the Committee on Ways & Means, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Thomas, Crane, McCrery, Rangel, and Levin. **Page H7777**

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of title VII of the House bill, and subtitle B of title XI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goodlatte, Boehner, and Stenholm. **Page H7777**

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 489, 490, 616, 701, and 719 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Boehner, Sam Johnson (TX), and George Miller (CA). **Page H7777**

From the Committee on Energy & Commerce, for consideration of sec. 662 and subtitle A of title XI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Barton (TX), Burr, and Waxman. **Page H7777**

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 422, 442, 1111, 1151, and 1161 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Sensenbrenner, Smith (TX) and Conyers. **Page H7777**

For consideration of the House bill and Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representative DeLay. **Page H7777**

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

Veterans Medical Facilities Management Act of 2004: H.R. 4768, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain major medical

facility leases, to authorize that Secretary to transfer real property subject to certain limitations;

Pages H7790–96

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain major medical facility leases, to authorize that Secretary to transfer real property subject to certain limitations, otherwise to improve management of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Pages H7790–96

Commending the Festival of Children Foundation: H. Res. 759, amended, commending the Festival of Children Foundation for its outstanding efforts on behalf of children and expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the designation of a “Child Awareness Month”;

Pages H7802–04

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: commending the Festival of Children Foundation for its outstanding efforts on behalf of children.

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Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of William “Count” Basie: H. Res. 778, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of William “Count” Basie;

Pages H7804–06

Amending the Federal Water Pollution Control Act: H.R. 4731, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program;

Pages H7811–12

Authorizing the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out activities in support of the VERITAS project: H.R. 5105, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out construction and related activities in support of the collaborative VERITAS project on Kitt Peak near Tucson, Arizona;

Pages H7812–13

F.H. Newell Building Designation Act: H.R. 3124, to designate the facility of the United States Geological Survey and the United States Bureau of Reclamation located at 230 Collins Road, Boise, Idaho, as the “F.H. Newell Building”; and

Pages H7813–14

Garza-Vela United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 1402, amended, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the “Garza-Vela United States Courthouse”.

Pages H7814–18

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to designate the United States courthouse located at the corner of Seventh Street and East Jackson Street in Brownsville, Texas, as the “Reynaldo G. Garza and Filemon B. Vela United States Courthouse”.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under

suspension of the rules. Consideration will be completed tomorrow, September 30.

Reauthorizing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program: H.R. 5149, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through March 31, 2005;

Pages H7786–90

Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004: H.R. 4231, amended, to provide for a pilot program in the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve recruitment and retention of nurses;

Pages H7797–H7802

Honoring the life and work of Duke Ellington: H. Con. Res. 501, honoring the life and work of Duke Ellington, recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, congratulating Blue Note records on its 65th anniversary and Down Beat Magazine on its 70th anniversary, and supporting the annual Duke Ellington Jazz Festival; and

Pages H7806–08

Honoring the United Negro College Fund on the occasion of the Fund's 60th anniversary: H. Res. 792, honoring the United Negro College Fund on the occasion of the Fund's 60th anniversary.

Pages H7808–11

Commission on Systemic Interoperability—Appointment: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed Mr. Thomas M. Priselac of Los Angeles, California, to the Commission on Systemic Interoperability.

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7757.

Senate Referral: S. 2742 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today. There were no quorum calls.

Pages H7776, H7777, H7784–85, H7785–86

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

FARM CREDIT SYSTEM REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research held a hearing to review the Farm Credit System. Testimony was heard from Nancy C. Pellett, Chairman, Farm Credit Administration; and public witnesses.

9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act.

POST-PREGNANCY DEPRESSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Improving Women's Health: Understanding Depression After Pregnancy." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINE—WIRELESS DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "An Examination of Wireless Directory Assistance Policies and Programs." Testimony was heard from Senator Boxer; and public witnesses.

9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION ACT; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; APPROVED ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS REGARDING OFHEO REPORT CONCERNING FANNIE MAE

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, following bills; H.R. 5011, Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act; H.R. 4634, amended, Terrorism Insurance Backstop Extension Act of 2004; and H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act.

The Committee also approved a motion to issue subpoenas to certain individuals in conjunction with the Subcommittee on Capital Markets hearing entitled "The OFHEO Report: Allegations of Accounting and Management Failure at Fannie Mae."

9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION ACT; WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act; and H.R. 3281, Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act.

GLOBAL ANTI-SEMITISM REVIEW ACT; AFGHANISTAN: U.S. STRATEGIES ON EVE OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following bill and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that it be considered on the Suspension Calendar: S. 2292, amended, Global Anti-Semitism Review Act of 2004.

The Committee also held a hearing on Afghanistan: United States Strategies on the Eve of National Elections. Testimony was heard from Richard L. Armitage, Deputy Secretary of State.

9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R.10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 855, amended, Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act; H.R. 5134, amended, To require the prompt review by the Secretary of the Interior of the long-standing petitions for Federal recognition of certain Indian tribes; and H.R. 5135, To provide for a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives to represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 977, Aerial Firefighter Relief Act of 2003; H.R. 1550, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to improve the commercial value of forest biomass for electric energy, useful heat, transportation fuels, petroleum-based product substitutes, and other commercial purposes; H.R. 1723, Caribbean National Forest Act of 2003; and H.R. 4461, Walnut Canyon Study Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baird and Cubin; Elisabeth Estill, Deputy Chief, Programs, Legislation, and Communication, Forest Service, USDA; John Stewart, Biomass and Forest Health Program Manager, Office of Wildland Fire Coordination, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE CONCERNING SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of September 30, 2004, providing for consideration of a bill to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law re-authorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards approved for full Committee action, as amended H.R. 4546, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5082, amended, Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention and Response Act of 2004; H.R. 5105, To authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out construction and related activities in support of the collaborative Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project on Kitt Peak near Tucson, Arizona; H.R. 5121, amended, To further protect the United States aviation system from terrorist attacks; H.R. 5164, National Health Museum Authorization Act; H.R. 5163, Norma Mineta Research and Special Programs Reorganization Act.

The Committee also approved the following: GSA Fiscal Year 2005 Capital Investment and Leasing Program resolutions; and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey resolutions.

9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act.

NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled "The National Incident Management System: Enhancing Response to Terrorist Attacks." Testimony was heard from Gil Jamieson, Acting Director, NIMS Integration Center, Department of Homeland Security; Chief P. Michael Freeman, Fire Department, Los Angeles County, California; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AMERICAN JOBS CREATION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, to hold oversight hearings to examine the security of Internet Root Servers and the Domain Name System (DNS), 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings to examine issues related to low-level radioactive waste, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold oversight hearings to examine Section 529 College Savings Plans, focusing on fees, disclosure, state tax treatment and broker sales practices, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary J. Schoelen, of the District of Columbia, and William A. Moorman, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and Robert Allen Pittman, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Human Resources and Administration, 2 p.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider the following bills: H.R. 3242, Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2003; and H.R. 5120, U.S. National Arboretum Appreciation Act of 2004, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on H.R. 4343, Secret Ballot Protection Act of 2004, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Controlling Bioterror: Assessing Our Nation's Drinking Water Security," 12:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled "Combating International Terrorist Financing," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "How Can We Maximize Private Sector Participation in Transportation?—Part II," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "Financial Management at the Department of Health and Human Services," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, to mark up H.R. 5061, Comprehensive Peace in Sudan Act, 3:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 4306, To amend section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the process for

verifying an individual's eligibility for employment; S. 1194, Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2003; H.R. 4547, Defending America's Most Vulnerable: Safe Access to Drug Treatment and Child Protection Act of 2004; H. Res. 568, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Judicial determinations regarding the meaning of the laws of the United States should not be based on judgments, laws, or pronouncements of foreign institutions unless such foreign judgements, laws, or pronouncements inform an understanding of the original meaning of the laws of the United States; H.R. 3143, International Consumer Protection Act of 2003; H.R. 4264, Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2004; H.R. 775, Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act of 2003; H.R. 4453, Access to Rural Physicians Improvement Act of 2004; and a private relief measure, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 4368,

To transfer the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing entitled "Are Citizen Suit Provisions of the Clean Water Act Being Misused?" 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Human Resources, joint hearing on the Commissioner of Social Security's Proposal to Improve the Disability Process, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security and the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism, joint hearing entitled "Disrupting Terrorist Travel: Safeguarding America's Borders Through Information Sharing," 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 2845, National Intelligence Reform Act, and upon conclusion of debate on Warner Amendment No. 3781, Senator Graham (FL) will be authorized to offer the next amendment. Also, upon the conclusion of the first vote, Senator Byrd will be recognized for up to 20 minutes.

Next meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 30

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 106, Marriage Protection Amendment (closed rule).

Complete consideration of postponed Suspensions.

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