

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 18 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9995–S10194

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2867–2879, and S. Con. Res. 139. **Page S10061**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 424, designating October 2004 as “Protecting Older Americans From Fraud Month”.

S. 2195, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify the definition of anabolic steroids and to provide for research and education activities relating to steroids and steroid precursors, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2843, to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, with amendments. **Page S10059**

Measures Passed:

Welfare Reform Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 5149, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through March 31, 2005, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10180–83**

Highway Trust Fund Extension: Senate passed H.R. 5183, 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 reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10183–85**

Safe Water Drinking Act Amendment: Senate passed H.R. 2771, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Program, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10185**

Coastal Wetland Conservation Projects Extension: Senate passed S. 2495, to strike limitations on

funding and extend the period of authorization for certain coastal wetland conservation projects. **Pages S10185–86**

National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Act: Senate passed H.R. 2408, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10186**

Improving Access to Assistive Technology for Individuals with Disabilities Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4278, to amend the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 to support programs of grants to States to address the assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10186–92**

Inhofe (for Gregg) Amendment No. 3943, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10192**

Honoring Duke Ellington: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 501, honoring the life and work of Duke Ellington, recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, and supporting the annual Duke Ellington Jazz Festival. **Page S10192**

State Justice Institute Reauthorization Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2714, to reauthorize the State Justice Institute, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S10192**

Inhofe (for Leahy/Hatch) Amendment No. 3944, to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program. **Page S10192**

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 S9997, S10000**

Adopted:

Graham (FL) Amendment No. 3797, to improve the authorities with respect to the national intelligence centers. **Pages S10000–04**

McCain Amendment No. 3806, to improve the transition between Presidential administrations. **Pages S10007–09**

Collins (for Voinovich) Amendment No. 3823, to improve the financial disclosure process under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978. **Pages S10025–26**

Rockefeller/Hutchison Amendment No. 3815, to improve and provide for the review of intelligence estimate and products. **Pages S10038–40**

Lieberman (for McCain) Amendment No. 3942, to provide provisions related to the role of diplomacy, foreign aid, and the military in the war on terrorism. **Pages S10040–41**

Warner/Stevens Modified Amendment No. 3781, to modify the requirements and authorities of the Joint Intelligence Community Council. **Pages S10041–44**

Rejected:

Hollings Amendment No. 3795, in the nature of a substitute. (By 82 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 193), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S10033–38**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 3802, to stop corporations from financing terrorism, (By 47 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 194), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S10016–25, S10026–29, S10038**

Pending:

Collins Amendment No. 3705, to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification. **Page S9997**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 3767, to specify that the National Intelligence Director shall serve for one or more terms of up to 5 years each. **Page S9997**

Kyl Amendment No. 3801, to modify the privacy and civil liberties oversight. **Pages S10004–07**

McCain/Lieberman Amendment No. 3807, to develop a strategy for combining terrorist travel intelligence, operations, and law enforcement. **Pages S10009–11**

Feinstein Amendment No. 3718, to improve the intelligence functions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. **Pages S10011–16**

Stevens Amendment No. 3839, to strike section 201, relating to public disclosure of intelligence funding. **Pages S10029–33**

Ensign Amendment No. 3819, to require the Secretary of State to increase the number of consular officers, clarify the responsibilities and functions of consular officers, and require the Secretary of Homeland Security to increase the number of border patrol agents and customs enforcement investigators. **Page S10038**

Reid (for Schumer) Amendment No. 3887, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to cover individuals, other than United States persons, who engage in international terrorism without affiliation with an international terrorist group. **Pages S10044–47**

Reid (for Schumer) Amendment No. 3888, to establish the United States Homeland Security Signal Corps to ensure proper communications between law enforcement agencies. **Pages S10044–47**

Reid (for Schumer) Amendment No. 3889, to establish a National Commission on the United States-Saudi Arabia Relationship. **Pages S10045–47**

Reid (for Schumer) Amendment No. 3890, to improve the security of hazardous materials transported by truck. **Pages S10046–47**

Reid (for Schumer) Amendment No. 3891, to improve rail security. **Pages S10046–47**

Reid (for Schumer) Amendment No. 3892, to strengthen border security. **Pages S10046–47**

Reid (for Schumer) Amendment No. 3893, to require inspection of cargo at ports in the United States. **Pages S10046–47**

Reid (for Schumer) Amendment No. 3894, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance cybersecurity. **Pages S10047**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, October 1, 2004. **Pages S10192–93**

Legislative Information Availability—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Rules and Administration be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 360, expressing the sense of the Senate that legislative information shall be publicly available through the Internet, and the resolution be placed on the Senate calendar. **Page S10193**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

8 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

23 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

33 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S10193–94**

Messages From the House: **Pages S10058–59**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—194) Pages S10037–38

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, October 1, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10193.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Peter Cyril Wyche Flory, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy, and 5,851 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

INTERNET GOVERNANCE AND SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, focusing on security of Internet Root Servers and the Domain Name System (DNS), after receiving testimony from David A. Gross, U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State; John M.R. Kneuer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information; Pat Morrisse, Security Director, Law Enforcement Intelligence, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; Paul Twomey, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, and Bill Manning, University of Southern California Information Service Institute, both of Marina del Rey, California; and Aristotle Balogh, VeriSign, Inc., Washington, D.C.

LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine issues related to the disposal availability of low-level radioactive waste, focusing on the requirements of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act (P.L. 96–573), and commercial disposal sites, after receiving testimony from Christine Gelles, Director, Office of Commercial Disposition Options, and Edward G.

McGinnis, Director, Office of Global Radiological Threat Reduction, National Nuclear Security Administration, both of the Department of Energy; Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and Alan Pasternak, California Radioactive Materials Management Forum, Lafayette.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: on September 29, 2004, 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 Senators McConnell and Bunning, 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.

COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine Section 529 College Savings Plans, focusing on levels of fees, quality of plan disclosure, state tax treatment and broker sales practices, after receiving testimony from Steven T. Miller, Commissioner, Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Ernesto A. Lanza, Senior Associate General Counsel, Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board; Michael A. Ablowich, New Hampshire State Treasurer, Concord, on behalf of the National Association of State Treasurers; Jacqueline T. Williams, Ohio Tuition Trust Authority, Columbus, on behalf of the College Savings Plan Network; Martin M. Noven, Office of the Illinois State Treasurer, Springfield; Richard O. Davis, Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority, Salt Lake City; Mary L. Schapiro, NASD, New York, New York; Daniel McNeela, Morningstar, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; and Mercer E. Bullard, Fund Democracy, Inc., Oxford, Mississippi.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1635, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to ensure the integrity of the L–1 visa for intracompany transferees;

S. 2195, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify the definition of anabolic steroids and to provide for research and education activities relating

to steroids and steroid precursors, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 424, designating October 2004 as "Protecting Older Americans From Fraud Month"; and

The nominations of Micaela Alvarez, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Keith Starrett, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, Raymond L. Finch, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands, David E. Nahmias, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, Richard B. Roper III, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, Lisa Godbey Wood, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, to be Chair, Michael O'Neill, of Maryland, to be a Member, and Ruben Castillo, of Illinois, to

be a Member, all of the United States Sentencing Commission, and William Sanchez, of Florida, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices, Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mary J. Schoelen, of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Senator Rockefeller, and William A. Moorman, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Graham (SC), 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 5185–5200; and; 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 506–507, and H. Res. 810, 812–813 were introduced. **Pages H7944–45**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H7945**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 811, providing for the consideration of H.R. 5183, 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 reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (H. Rept. 108–710);

H.R. 5107, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases (H. Rept. 108–711);

S. 551, to provide for the implementation of air quality programs developed in accordance with an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado con-

cerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation (H. Rept. 108–712, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1630, to revise the boundary of the Petrified Forest National Park in the State of Arizona, amended (H. Rept. 108–713);

H.R. 4817, to facilitate the resolution of a minor boundary encroachment on lands of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in Tipton, California, which were originally conveyed by the United States as part of the right-of-way granted for the construction of transcontinental railroads, amended (H. Rept. 108–714); and

H.R. 3982, to direct the Secretary of Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah (H. Rept. 108–715). **Pages H7943–44**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Florida to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H7865**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. William G. Alvey, Pastor, Park United Methodist Church in Madison, Ohio. **Page H7865**

Surface Transportation Extension Act, Part V: The House passed H.R. 5183, 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 reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, by a recorded vote of 409 ayes to 8 noes, Roll No. 481. **Pages H7868, H7874–87**

Agreed to make a technical correction to the bill.

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Rejected the DeFazio motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure with instructions to report the bill back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 480.

Pages H7884–86

H. Res. 807, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to the same day consideration of certain resolutions reported by the Rules Committee, was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H7868–69

H. Res. 811, providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H7869–74

Marriage Protection Amendment: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 106, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 484.

Pages H7895–H7934

H. Res. 801, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H7888–95

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, September 29:

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 482;

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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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 483;

Pages H7887–88

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 391 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 485; and

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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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 386 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 486.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 4 for Morning Hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, October 6.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Edwards moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from consideration of H. Res. 773, providing for the consideration of H.R. 4628, to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage (Discharge Petition No. 13).

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7865, H7868, H7939.

Senate Referrals: S. 1601 was referred to the Committees on Resources and the Judiciary; S. 2639 and S. 2436 were referred to the Committee on Education & the Workforce; and S. Con. Res. 110 was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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

Pages H7886, H7886–87, H7887, H7888, H7933–34, H7934, H7935

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SPECIALTY CROPS COMPETITIVENESS ACT; U.S. NATIONAL ARBORETUM APPRECIATION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3242, Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2003; and H.R. 5120, U.S. National Arboretum Appreciation Act of 2004.

SECRET BALLOT PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 4343, Secret Ballot Protection Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following measures: S. 551, Southern Ute and Colorado Intergovernmental Agreement Implementation Act of 2003; H.R. 4667, Tapoco Project Licensing Act of 2004; H.R. 918, amended, Patient Navigator, Outreach, and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2003; H.R. 3051, amended, National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act of 2003; H.R. 3858, Pancreatic Islet Cell Transplantation Act of 2004; H. Res. 567, Congratulating the American

Dental Association for sponsoring the second annual "Give Kids a Smile" program which emphasizes the need to improve access to dental care for children, and thanking dentists for volunteering their time to help provide needed dental care; H. Con. Res. 250, Recognizing community organization of public access defibrillation programs; H.R. 2699, amended, National Uniformity for Food Act of 2003; and H. Con. Res. 34, Expressing the sense of the Congress that private health insurance companies should take a proactive role in promoting healthy lifestyles.

The Committee also reported adversely H. Res. 776, Of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services provide certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to estimates and analyses of the cost of the Medicare prescription drug legislation.

CONTROLLING BIOTERROR

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled "Controlling Bioterror: Assessing Our Nation's Drinking Water Security." Testimony was heard from Benjamin Grumbles, Acting Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; and John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

COMBATING INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST FINANCING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled "Combating International Terrorist Financing." Testimony was heard from John Zarate, Assistant Secretary, Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury; and E. Anthony Wayne, Assistant Secretary, Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State.

"HOW CAN WE MAXIMIZE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN TRANSPORTATION?"

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled "How Can We Maximize Private Sector Participation in Transportation?—Part II" Testimony was heard from Jennifer L. Dorn, Administrator, FTA, Department of Transportation; Dan Tangherlini, Director, Department of Transportation, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

HHS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing entitled "Financial Man-

agement at the Department of Health and Human Services." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance; and Keith A. Rhodes, Chief Technologist, Center for Technology and Engineering; and Kerry N. Weems, Acting Assistant Secretary, Budget, Information, and Finance, Department of Health and Human Services.

COMPREHENSIVE PEACE IN SUDAN ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5061, Comprehensive Peace in Sudan Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 4306, amended, To amend section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the process for verifying an individual's eligibility for employment; S. 1194, amended, Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2003; H.R. 3143, amended, International Consumer Protection Act of 2003; H.R. 4264, amended, Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2004; H.R. 775, Security and Fairness Enhancement for America Act of 2003; and H.R. 4453, amended, Access to Rural Physicians Improvement Act of 2004.

WEATHER AND OCEANS RESOURCES REALIGNMENT ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 4368, To transfer the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Timothy R. E. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Andrew A. Rosenberg, member, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy; and public witnesses.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2004, PART V

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 5183, Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part V, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representative Petri.

CLEAN WATER ACT—CITIZEN SUIT PROVISIONS BEING MISUSED

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?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPROVE DISABILITY PROCESS—SOCIAL SECURITY PROPOSAL

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Human Resource held a joint hearing on the Commissioner of Social Security’s Proposal to Improve the Disability Process. Testimony was heard from Representative McIntyre; Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA; Hal Daub, Chairman, Social Security Advisory Board; and public witnesses.

DISRUPTING TERRORIST TRAVEL

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security and the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism held a joint hearing entitled “Disrupting Terrorist Travel: Safeguarding America’s Borders Through Information Sharing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: LTG Patrick Hughes, USAF (Ret.), Assistant Secretary, Information Analysis; and C. Stewart

Verdery, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Border and Transportation Security Policy and Planning; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Conferees on Wednesday, September 29, 2004, met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4200, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, October 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, October 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 2845, National Intelligence Reform Act.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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