

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4520, American Jobs Creation Act of 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirty-three bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2910–2942, and S. Res. 451–453. **Pages S10702–03**

Measures Reported:

S. 2550, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–386)

S. 518, to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, to provide better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation, and to collect the data necessary to move islet cell transplantation from an experimental procedure to a standard therapy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–387)

S. 2526, to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute (S. Rept. No. 108–388)

S. 2605, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the heads of other Federal agencies to carry out an agreement resolving major issues relating to the adjudication of water rights in the Snake River Basin, Idaho, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–389)

S. 423, to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–390)

S. 2940, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to assist States in preventing, detecting, treating, intervening in, and responding to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. (S. Rept. No. 108–391)

H.R. 2391, To amend title 35, United States Code, to promote cooperative research involving uni-

versities, the public sector, and private enterprises, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1379, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2302, to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2668, for the relief of Griselda Lopez Negrete.

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Intelligence Committee Reorganization: Senate continued consideration of S. Res. 445, to eliminate certain restrictions on service of a Senator on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Baucus (for Grassley/Baucus) Amendment No. 3989 (to Amendment No. 3981), to clarify the provisions relating to the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S10621–22**

Chambliss/Kennedy Amendment No. 3994 (to Amendment No. 3981), to clarify the jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Pages S10625, S10629–30, S10631**

Durbin Modified Amendment No. 4036 (to Amendment No. 3981), to modify the provisions relating to the staffing and budget of the select Committee. **Page S10654**

By 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 202), Hatch (for Leahy) Amendment No. 4037 (to Amendment No. 3981), to retain jurisdiction over the Secret Service in the Committee on the Judiciary. **Pages S10655–60**

Roberts Amendment No. 4019 (to Amendment No. 3981), to clarify staff provisions. **Pages S10660–61**

Roberts Modified Amendment No. 4018 (to Amendment No. 3981), to clarify the nominee referral provisions. **Page S10661**

Rockefeller Modified Amendment No. 4030 (to Amendment No. 3981), to clarify the jurisdiction of the select Committee on Intelligence.

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McConnell (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3986 (to Amendment No. 3981), to provide that the Subcommittee on Intelligence shall have jurisdiction over funding for intelligence matters, as determined by the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

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McConnell (for Shelby/Sarbanes) Amendment No. 4038, to retain jurisdiction over the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, with the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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Rejected:

By 23 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 200), McCain Amendment No. 3999 (to Amendment No. 3981), to strike section 402 and vest intelligence appropriations jurisdiction in the Select Committee on Intelligence.

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By 33 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 201), McCain Amendment No. 4000 (to Amendment No. 3981), to ensure that the Committee has jurisdiction over the Transportation Security Administration.

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By 36 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 203), Biden/Lugar Amendment No. 4021 (to Amendment No. 3981), to provide that the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Foreign Relations (if not already a member of the select Committee) shall be ex officio members of the select Committee but shall have no vote in the Committee and shall not be counted for purposes of determining a quorum.

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Withdrawn:

Bayh Amendment No. 3995 (to Amendment No. 3981), to eliminate sequential referral.

Pages S10625–29, S10631–32, S10674

Pending:

McConnell/Reid/Frist/Daschle Amendment No. 3981, in the nature of a substitute.

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Bingaman (for Domenici) Amendment No. 4040 (to Amendment No. 3981), to transfer jurisdiction over organization and management of United States nuclear export policy to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

Senate adopted and then vitiated the adoption of the Bingaman (for Domenici) Amendment No. 4040 (to Amendment No. 3981), to transfer jurisdiction over organization and management of United States nuclear export policy to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that other than conforming and technical managers' amendments, the only remaining first-degree amendments be the following which are filed at the desk: Collins, Nickles, Hutchison, Frist, Bingaman-Domenici, and Rockefeller; provided further, that it be in order to file timely second-degree amendments up until 9:15 a.m. on Friday, October 8, 2004.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at approximately 9:15 a.m., on Friday, October 8, 2004, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Amendment No. 3981 (listed above).

Pages S10758–59

American Jobs Creation Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany 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, at 9 a.m., on Friday, October 8, 2004; and providing for the filing of a cloture motion on the conference report.

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Appointments:

NATO Parliamentary Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the Second Session of the 108th Congress: Senators Leahy and Feinstein.

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Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 93–415, as amended by Public Law 102–586, appointed the following individuals to serve as a member of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: Steven H. Jones of Tennessee, Bill Gibbons of Tennessee, and Larry K. Brendtro of South Dakota.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Frederick William Hatfield, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2008.

Harold Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury.

Jorge A. Plasencia, of Florida, to be a Member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting for a term expiring October 27, 2006.

Brian David Miller, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration.

Edward L. Flippen, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, Navy.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

James B. Cunningham, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, which was sent to the Senate on April 8, 2004.

James B. Cunningham, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, which was sent to the Senate on April 8, 2004.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—203) Pages S10646, S10653–54, S10660, S10669

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:29 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, October 8, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10759.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Francis J. Harvey, of California, to be Secretary of the Army, and Richard Greco, Jr., of New York, to be an Assistant Sec-

retary of the Navy for Financial Management, and 685 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1379, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, and the nomination of Pamela Hughes Patenaude, of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Community Planning and Development, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Pamela Hughes Patenaude, of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Community Planning and Development.

AIRLINE INDUSTRY PENSION PLANS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the effect of Federal bankruptcy and pension policy on the financial situation of the airlines, focusing on the airlines' underfunding as an example of possible broader problems with the defined benefit pension system, airlines facing severe competitive pressures, structural flaws in the pension insurance program, and bargaining efforts to reduce pension costs, after receiving testimony from Representative Emanuel; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Bradley D. Belt, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; Duane E. Woerth, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Washington, D.C.; and Robert L. Crandall, Irving, Texas.

BIOSHIELD II

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Committee on the Judiciary: On Wednesday, October 6, Committees concluded a joint hearing to examine an ever-changing threat relating to BioShield II, focusing on incentives for research to develop countermeasures to bio-terror pathogens, and S. 666, to provide incentives to increase research by private sector entities to develop antivirals, antibiotics and other drugs, vaccines, microbicides, detection, and diagnostic technologies to prevent and treat illnesses associated with a biological, chemical, or radiological weapons attack, after receiving testimony from Christine Grant, Aventis Pasteur, Bridgewater, New Jersey; Alan P. Timmins, AVI BioPharma, Inc., Portland, Oregon; Kathleen D. Jaeger, Generic Pharmaceutical Association, Arlington, Virginia; Carlos

Angulo, Zuckerman Spaeder, on behalf of the Coalition for a Competitive Pharmaceutical Market, Jeffrey P. Kushan, Sidley Austin Brown and Wood, LLP, and John M. Clerici, McKenna Long and Aldridge, LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; John G. Bartlett, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Infectious Disease Society of America; and Patricia Greenberg, New York State Nurse Alliance SEIU 1199, Syracuse.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

H.R. 2391, to amend title 35, United States Code, to promote cooperative research involving universities, the public sector, and private enterprises, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2302, to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2668, for the relief of Griselda Lopez Negrete; and

The nomination of Robert Cramer Balfe III, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 48 public bills, H.R. 5242–5289; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 511–513, and H. Res. 535–541, were introduced.

Pages H8856–59

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

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, adversely (H. Rept. 108–754, Pt. 1);

Conference report on 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 (H. Rept. 108–755);

H.R. 4264, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, amended (H. Rept. 108–756);

H.R. 4893, to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 (H. Rept. 108–757);

H.R. 4588, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, amended (H. Rept. 108–758);

H.R. 4650, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the construction of the Cheney division, Wichita Federal reclamation project, Kansas,

and for other purposes” to authorize the Equus Beds Division of the Wichita Project (H. Rept. 108–759);

H.R. 4775, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the El Paso, Texas, water reclamation, reuse, and desalinization project (H. Rept. 108–760);

H.R. 5135, to provide for a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives to represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (H. Rept. 108–761);

H. Res. 830, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany 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 (H. Rept. 108–762);

H. Res. 831, 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. 108–763);

H. Res. 832, waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–764);

H. Res. 833, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 108–765); and

H. Res. 834, waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–766).

Pages H8411–H8640, H8856

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dan Remus, Senior Pastor, First Assembly of God in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2005—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and agreed to a conference.

Pages H8645–49

Agreed to the Mr. Sabo motion to instruct conferees on the bill, by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 502.

Pages H8645–49

Appointed as conferees: Representative Rogers (KY), Young (FL), Wolf, Wamp, Latham, Emerson, Granger, Sweeney, Sherwood, Sabo, Price, Serrano, Roybal-Allard, Berry, Mollohan, and Obey.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, October 6:

Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2004: H.R. 4661, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to discourage spyware, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 503;

Pages H8649–50

Research Review Act of 2004: H.R. 5213, amended, to expand research information regarding multidisciplinary research projects and epidemiological studies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 504;

Pages H9650–51

Providing additional teacher loan forgiveness on Federal student loans: H.R. 5186, amended, to reduce certain special allowance payments and provide additional teacher loan forgiveness on Federal student loans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 505;

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Reauthorizing and improving programs under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965: S. 1134, to reauthorize and improve the programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 507; and

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Comprehensive Peace in Sudan Act: H.R. 5061, amended, to provide assistance for the current crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan and to facilitate a comprehensive peace in Sudan, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 508.

Pages H8663–64

American Jobs Creation Act of 2004—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 280 yeas to 141 nays, Roll No. 509.

Pages H8711–26

H. Res. 828, a rule 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 yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 506.

Pages H8651–63

H. Res. 830, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H8704–11

9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 10, to provide for reform of the intelligence community, terrorism prevention and prosecution, border security, and international cooperation and coordination. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, October 8.

Pages H8664–H8704, H8726–H8851

Agreed to:

Simmons amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–751) that seeks to express the sense of Congress that the new National Intelligence Director should establish an Open Source Intelligence Center; and

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Souder amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–751) that directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to ensure that all appropriate personnel engaged in security screening of individuals have access to law enforcement and intelligence information maintained by DHS (by a recorded vote of 410 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 511).

Pages H8848–50, H8850–51

Rejected:

Menendez amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–751) that sought to merge two bills endorsed by the 9/11 Commission (by a recorded vote of 203 yeas to 213 noes, Roll No. 510).

Pages H8792–H8843, H8850

H. Res. 827, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Cantor wherein he resigned from the Committee on Government Reform effective immediately.

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Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 835, electing Representative Putnam to the Committee on Government Reform.

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Military Construction Appropriations Act, 2005—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4837, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for

the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and agreed to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Knollenberg, Walsh, Aderholt, Granger, Goode, Vitter, Kingston, Crenshaw, Young (FL), Edwards, Farr, Boyd, Bishop (GA), Dicks, and Obey. **Page H8851**

Commission on International Religious Freedom—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Ms. Elizabeth Prodromou of Boston, Massachusetts to the Commission on International Religious Freedom to succeed Ms. Patricia W. Chang of San Francisco, California.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today. There were no quorum calls.

Pages H8649, H8649–50, H8650, H8651, H8662–63, H8663, H8664, H8725–26, H8850, H8851

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:13 a.m. on Friday, October 8.

Committee Meetings

MORTGAGE FRAUD—IMPACT ON MORTGAGE LENDERS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Mortgage Fraud and its Impact on Mortgage Lenders." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Kenneth M. Donohue, Sr., Inspector General; and John C. Weicher, Assistant Secretary, Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner; Chris Swecker, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigations, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

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: H.R. 2760, as amended, Resolution of the Ethiopia-Eritrea Border Dispute Act of 2003.

The Committee also began discussion of H. Res. 28, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should declare its support for the Independence of Kosova;

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL OFFENDER RE-ENTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on Federal Offender Reentry and Protecting Children from Criminal Recidivists. Testimony was

heard from Representatives Portman and Harris; Ashbel T. Wall II, Director, Department of Corrections, State of Rhode Island; and a public witness.

CONFERENCE REPORT—AMERICAN JOBS CREATION ACT OF 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany, H.R. 4520, American Jobs Creation Act of 2004, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative McCrery.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE—CONFERENCE REPORT—NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

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 October 8, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (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 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, and for other purposes.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

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 October 8, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4567) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

SAME-DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

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 October 8, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report accompany the bill (H.R. 4837) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Friday, October 8, 2004. The rule provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on any suspension considered under the rule.

BRIEFING—IRAQ SURVEY GROUP REPORT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Iraq Survey Group Report. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AMERICAN JOBS CREATION ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on 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.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call of the chair.

NATURAL GAS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the long-run economics of natural gas, focusing on conditions in the natural gas market, and strategies to balance the rising demand with the limited supply of natural gas, after receiving testimony from Daniel Yergin, Cambridge Energy Research Associates, Boston, Massachusetts; Paul Sankey, Deutsche Bank, New York, New York; Logan Magruder, Berry Petroleum Company's Rocky

Mountain and Mid-continent Regions, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States; and William R. Prindle, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Washington, D.C.

NEW PRIVATE LAW

(For last listing of Private Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D849)

H.R. 1658, to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Private Law 108-2)

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1012)

H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for working families. Signed on October 4, 2004. (Public Law 108-311)

H.R. 265, to provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108-312)

H.R. 1521, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108-313)

H.R. 1616, to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108-314)

H.R. 1648, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108-315)

H.R. 1732, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108-316)

H.R. 2696, to establish Institutes to demonstrate and promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires, and restore the health of fire-adapted forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108-317)

H.R. 3209, to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–318)

H.R. 3249, to extend the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–319)

H.R. 3389, to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 to permit Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards to be made to nonprofit organizations. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–320)

H.R. 3768, to expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–321)

S.J. Res. 41, commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–322)

H.R. 4654, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2007. Signed on October 6, 2004. (Public Law 108–323)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Anna Escobedo Cabral, of Virginia, to be Treasurer of the United States, 10 a.m., SD–215.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled “The Nation’s Flu Shot Shortage: How it Happened and Where We Go from Here,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Peacekeeping in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the current employment situation for September, 9:30 a.m., SD–628.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, October 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, October 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will begin consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 4520, American Jobs Creation Act. Also, at approximately 9:15 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of S. Res. 445, Intelligence Committee Reorganization Resolution, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on McConnell/Reid/Frist/Daschle Amendment No. 3981, in the nature of a substitute.

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Program for Friday: Continue consideration of H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act (structured rule).

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