

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS:

Senate passed H.R. 2861, VA–HUD Appropriations Act, H.R. 2765, District of Columbia Appropriations Act, and agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2754, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act of 2003.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2754, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for FY 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14973–S15104

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1876–1888, S. Res. 267–268, and S. Con. Res. 82–83. **Page S15061**

Measures Reported:

S. 616, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the quantity of mercury in the environment by limiting the use of mercury fever thermometers and improving the collection and proper management of mercury. (S. Rept. No. 108–199)

S. 1561, to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. (S. Rept. No. 108–200) **Page S15060**

Measures Passed:

VA–HUD Appropriations Act: Senate passed H.R. 2861, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S14993–S15021**

Adopted:

Bond (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 2199 (to Amendment No. 2150), to include an evaluation of the impact of a final rule promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency in a study conducted by the National Academy of Sciences. **Pages S14993–94**

Bond (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2200 (to Amendment No. 2150), to include provisions relating to designations of areas for PM2.5 national ambient air quality standards. **Page S14994**

Dayton/Coleman Modified Amendment No. 2193 (to Amendment No. 2150), to fully fund the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building. **Pages S14994–95**

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 2150, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S14993, S15001**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Bond, Burns, Shelby, Craig, Domenici, DeWine, Hutchison, Stevens, Mikulski, Leahy, Harkin, Byrd, Johnson, Reid, and Inouye. **Page S15021**

District of Columbia Appropriations Act: Senate passed H.R. 2765, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S15021–29**

Adopted:

Bond (for DeWine) Amendment No. 2201 (to Amendment No. 1783), to make certain monetary modifications. **Page S15022**

DeWine/Landrieu Amendment No. 1783, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S15022**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair

was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators DeWine, Hutchison, Brownback, Stevens, Landrieu, Durbin, and Inouye.

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Regarding Death of Italian Citizens in Iraq: Senate agreed to S. Res. 268, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the deaths of 19 citizens of Italy in Iraq.

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21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act: Senate passed S. 189, to authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S15090–S15102

Frist (for Allen/Wyden) Amendment No. 2202, in the nature of a substitute.

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Tornado Shelters Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 23, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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David Bybee Post Office Building: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2744, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 17th Street in Moline, Illinois, as the “David Bybee Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3379, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3210 East 10th Street in Bloomington, Indiana, as the “Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3175, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Cleveland Avenue, NW in Canton, Ohio, as the “Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Barbara B. Kennelly Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1415, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

141 Weston Street in Hartford, Connecticut, as the “Barbara B. Kennelly Post Office Building”.

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J.C. Lewis Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1671, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10701 Abercorn Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the “J.C. Lewis Post Office Building”.

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Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1746, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 339 Hicksville Road in Bethpage, New York, as the “Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building”.

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Energy and Water Development Appropriations Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, clearing the measure for the President.

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Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

Pages S14974–92

By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 454), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Pages S14992–93

By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 455), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2003 National Money Laundering Strategy; to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–57)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 4 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 9 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.
- 6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Navy.

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Messages From the House:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—455) **Pages S14992, S14993**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2003. (For Senate's Program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S15103).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SPACE ACQUISITION POLICIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine space acquisition policies and processes, focusing on the Commission to Assess National Security Space Management and Organization, the space industrial base, and improvements needed to optimize the growing investment in space exploration, after receiving testimony from Peter B. Teets, Under Secretary of the Air Force, and Director, National Reconnaissance Office; Lieutenant General Brian Arnold, USAF, Commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command; A. Thomas Young, Chairman, Defense Science Board/Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Joint Task Force on Acquisition of National Security Space Programs; and Robert E. Levin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, General Accounting Office.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael W. Wynne, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

MUTUAL FUND INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current

investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, focusing on investors' rights, the Risk Management Initiative, the Putnam settlement, disclosure proposals, and late trading and market timing, after receiving testimony from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; and Matthew P. Fink, Investment Company Institute, and Marc E. Lackritz, Securities Industry Association, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael D. Gallagher, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, Cheryl Feldman Halpern, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Elizabeth Courtney, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Kirk Van Tine, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, Robert L. Crandall, of Texas, Floyd Hall, of New Jersey, and Louis S. Thompson, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak), and certain nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 1209, to provide for the acquisition of property in Washington County, Utah, for implementation of a desert tortoise habitat conservation plan, H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, S. 1467, to establish the Rio Grande Outstanding Natural Area in the State of Colorado, S. 1167, to resolve the boundary conflicts in Barry and Stone Counties in the State of Missouri, and S. 1848, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the Bend Pine Nursery Administration Site in the State of Oregon, after receiving testimony from Senator Bond; Tom Thompson, Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, Department of Agriculture; Jim Hughes, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Charlotte Bobicki, County Commission, Alamosa, Colorado; and Kate Booth Doyle, San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council, Del Norte, Colorado.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Arnold I. Havens, of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James M. Loy, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Stevens and Inouye, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

U.S. TAX SHELTER INDUSTRY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of professional organizations like accounting firms, law firms, and financial institutions in developing, marketing and implementing tax shelters, after receiving testimony from Debra S. Petersen, California Franchise Tax Board, Rancho Cordova; Calvin H. Johnson, University of Texas at Austin School of Law; Philip

Weisner and Mark Watson, both of Washington, D.C.; Jeffrey Eischeid, Atlanta, Georgia; Lawrence DeLap, San Francisco, California; Larry Manth, Los Angeles, California; and Richard H. Smith, Jr., New York, New York, all of KPMG LLP; Richard Berry, Jr., PricewaterhouseCoopers, New York, New York; and Mark A. Weinberger, Ernst and Young LLP, Washington, D.C.

AMERICA POST 9/11

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, focusing on whether the government response to the attacks has adversely affected individual liberties, including the right to privacy, after receiving testimony from former Representative Barr; Nadine Strossen, American Civil Liberties Union; Muzaffar A. Chishti, Migration Policy Institute at New York University School of Law; and Robert J. Cleary, Proskauer Rose LLP, all of New York, New York; and Viet D. Dinh, Georgetown University Law Center; James J. Zogby, Arab American Institute; and James X. Dempsey, Center for Democracy and Technology, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3506–3518; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 325–328, and H. Res. 445–448, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11392–93, H11515**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows today:

H.R. 2584, to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship (H. Rept. 108–378);

H.R. 2907, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership, amended, (Rept. 108–379).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Chocola to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Approval of the Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 361 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 626.

Page H11378

Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act of 2003: The House agreed to call from the private calendar and pass H.R. 1658, Private Bill; 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.

Pages H11369–70

Energy and Water Development Appropriations—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 387 yeas to 36 nays, Roll No. 631.

Pages H11396–H11405, 11432–33

H. Res. 444, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 409 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 625.

Pages H11370–72, H11377

Agriculture Appropriations—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and agreed to a conference.

Pages H11372–77

Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yeas-and-nays vote of 237 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 624.

Pages H11376–77

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Young (FL), Regula, Lewis (CA), Wolf, Walsh, Hobson, Bonilla, Kingston, Frelinghuysen, Nethercutt, Latham, Goode, LaHood, Obey, Murtha, Mollohan, Kaptur, Serrano, DeLauro, Hinchey, Farr, Boyd, and Fattah.

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Energy Policy Act of 2003—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 246 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 630.

Pages H11405–32

H. Res. 443, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 248 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 629, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 225 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 628.

Pages H11379–88

Intelligence Authorization—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and agreed to a conference.

Pages H11434–40

Agreed to the Harman motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yeas-and-nays vote of 404 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 633.

Pages H11439–40

Appointed as conferees: From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goss, Bereuter, Boehlert, Gibbons, LaHood, Cunningham, Hoekstra, Burr, Everett, Gallegly, Collins, Harman, Hastings (FL), Reyes, Boswell, Peterson (MN), Cramer, Eshoo, Holt, and Ruppertsberger;

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From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related activities, Representatives Hunter, Weldon (PA), and Skelton.

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

Walter F. Ebrnfelt, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act: Debated on Monday, November 17, H.R. 3300, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 15500 Pearl Road in Strongsville, Ohio, as the Walter F. Ehrnfelt, Jr. Post Office Building by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 627; **Pages H11378–79**

Directing the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouse in that county: Debated on Monday, November 17, H.R. 1274, amended, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouse in that county by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 632. **Page H11433**

Sense of the House that John Wooden should be honored: H. Res. 411, amended, expressing the sense of the House that John Wooden should be honored for his contributions to sports and education; **Pages H11440–43**

Congratulating the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men’s tennis team: H. Res. 391, congratulating the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men’s tennis team for its successful season; **Pages H11443–44**

Amending the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966: H.R. 1204, amended, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties; **Pages H11446–48**

National Aviation Heritage Area Act: H.R. 280, amended, to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area; **Pages H11448–59**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “a bill to establish certain National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes”. **Page H11459**

Sierra National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003: H.R. 1651, amended, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California; **Pages H11459–60**

Northern Arizona National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003: H.R. 2907, amended, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership; **Pages H11460–66**

Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park Addition Act of 2003: S. 254, to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H11466–68**

Increasing the waiver requirements for certain grants provided to territories of the United States: H.R. 1189, to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; **Pages H11468–69**

Urging the President to present the Presidential Medal of Freedom to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II: H. Con. Res. 313, to urge the President, on behalf of the United States, to present the Presidential Medal of Freedom to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, in recognition of his significant, enduring, and historic contributions to the causes of freedom, human dignity, and peace and to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of His Holiness’s inauguration of his ministry as Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pastor of the Catholic Church; **Pages H11469–77**

New Bridge Landing Post Office Redesignation Act: H.R. 2130, amended, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 650 Kinderkamack Road in River Edge, New Jersey, as the New Bridge Landing Post Office; **Pages H11477–78**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 121 Kinderkamack Road in River Edge, New Jersey, as the ‘New Bridge Landing Post Office’”. **Page H11478**

Senator James B. Pearson Post Office Building Designation Act: S. 1718, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the “Senator James B. Pearson Post Office”—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H11478–79**

Ronald Reagan Post Office Building Designation Act: S. 867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wick Lane in Billings, Montana, as the Ronald Reagan Post Office Building—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H11479–80**

Expressing the sense of Congress that Althea Gibson should be recognized for her achievements and commitment: H. Con. Res. 69, expressing the sense of Congress that Althea Gibson should be recognized for her ground breaking achievements in athletics and her commitment to ending racial discrimination and prejudice within the world of sports; **Pages H11480–81**

Awarding the Congressional Gold Medals posthumously on behalf of Rev. Joseph A. DeLaine, Harry and Eliza Briggs, and Levi Pearson: H.R. 3287, to award congressional gold medals posthumously on behalf of Reverend Joseph A. DeLaine,

Harry and Eliza Briggs, and Levi Pearson in recognition of their contributions to the Nation as pioneers in the effort to desegregate public schools that led directly to the landmark desegregation case of *Brown et al. v. the Board of Education of Topeka et al.*;

Pages H11484–87

Suspensions Postponed: The following measures were debated under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, November 19:

Captive Wildlife Safety Act: H.R. 1006, amended, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species;

Pages H11444–46

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of motorsports: H. Con. Res. 320, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of motorsports;

Pages H11481–84

National Museum of African-American History and Culture Act: H.R. 3491, to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of African American History and Culture;

Pages H11487–93

Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Berkley motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the medicare program and to strengthen and improve the medicare program.

Pages H11493–H11500

Representative Hooley of Oregon announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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Labor/HHS Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed to the Kennedy of Rhode Island motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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Representative Kildee announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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Presidential Message: Received a message from the President wherein he transmitted the 2003 National Money Laundering Strategy—referred to the Committees on the Judiciary and Financial Services (H. Doc. 108–143).

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H11361.

Senate Referrals: S. 1743 was referred to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Judiciary.

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

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1271)

H.R. 1442, to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Signed on November 17, 2003. (Public Law 108–126).

H.R. 3288, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to make technical corrections with respect to the definition of qualifying State. Signed on November 17, 2003. (Public Law 108–127).

S. 677, to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado. Signed on November 17, 2003. (Public Law 108–128).

S. 924, to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior. Signed on November 17, 2003. (Public Law 108–129).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine current Army issues, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending military nominations, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the threat of agroterrorism, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine S.741, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal

drugs, proposed Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act, proposed Medical Device Technical Corrections Act, proposed Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act, and pending nominations, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine pending judicial nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on U.S. National Security Strategy, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Cybersecurity and Consumer Data: What's at Risk for the Consumer?" 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Digital Dividends and Other Proposals to Leverage Investment in Technology," 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, to consider H.R. 3478, National Archives and Records Administration Efficiency Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to mark up H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2003, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, joint hearing on Afghanistan: Democratization and Human Rights on the Eve of the Constitutional *Loya Jirga*, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing entitled "Saving the Savings Clause: Congressional Intent, the *Trinko* Case, and the role of the Antitrust Laws in Promoting Competition in the Telecom Sector," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing to review progress being made by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs with the sharing of medical information and development of a seamless electronic medical record, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Improved Monitoring of Vulnerable Children, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conference: A closed meeting of conferees on H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate may begin consideration of the conference report on H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 19

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

- (1) H. Con. Res. 288, Honoring Seeds of Peace;
- (2) H. Res. 427, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the courageous leadership of the Unified Buddhist Church of Vietnam and the urgent need for religious freedom and related human rights in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;
- (3) H. Res. 423, recognizing the 5th anniversary of the signing of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998;
- (4) H. Res. 393, commending Afghan women;
- (5) H. Con. Res. 83, honoring the victims of the Cambodian genocide that took place from April 1975 to January 1979;
- (6) H.R. 1813, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2003;

(7) S. 1824, Overseas Private Investment Corporation Amendments Act of 2003;

(8) H.R. 3140, Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act;

(9) H.R. 2218, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of noncorrective contact lenses as medical devices;

(10) S. 826, Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Prevention Act of 2003;

(11) S. Con. Res. 48, supporting the goals and ideals of "National Epilepsy Awareness Month" and urging support for epilepsy research and service programs;

(12) S. 650, Pediatric Research Equity Act of 2003;

(13) S. 686, Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act Amendments of 2003;

(14) S. 1685, Basic Pilot Program Extension and Expansion Act of 2003;

(15) S. 1720, to provide for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas;

(16) H.R. 482, Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003;

(17) H.R. 2420, Mutual Funds Integrity and Fee Transparency Act of 2003; and

(18) H.R. 253, Two Floods and You Are Out of the Taxpayers' Pocket Act of 2003.

1, Rolled Vote on Berkley motion to instruct conferees on H.R.

1, Consideration of Hooley motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1,

Consideration of Kildee motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2660.

NOTICE

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