

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS:

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate confirmed the nomination of J. Leon Holmes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2607–S. 2610, and S. Res. 398. **Page S7580**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Wednesday, June 30, during the adjournment:

S. 2351, to establish a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council. (S. Rept. No. 108–291)

Reported today:

S. 1735, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute **Page S7580**

Measures Passed:

National Airborne Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 322, designating August 16, 2004, as “National Airborne Day” **Pages S7590–92**

National Health Center Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 357, designating the week of August 8 through 14, 2004, as “National Health Center Week” **Pages S7590–92**

National ADD Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 370, designating September 7, 2004, as “National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day” **Pages S7590–92**

Class Action Fairness Act: Senate began consideration of S. 2062, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 7, 2004 **Page S7684**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the legislation and supporting documents to implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement (FTA); which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–90)

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Appointments:

National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education: The Chair announced the following appointment made by the Democratic Leader during the adjournment: Pursuant to Public Law 105–18, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, the appointment of Clare M. Cotton, of Massachusetts, to serve as a member of the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education on June 30, 2004 **Page S7590**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 51 yeas 46 nays (Vote No. Ex. 153), J. Leon Holmes, of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Keith Starrett, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi **Page S7687**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—153) **Page S7563**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 7, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7684.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of David M. Stone, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4756–4765; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 469, and H. Res. 702–704 were introduced. **Page H5195**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5195–96**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Omitted from the Record of June 25, 2004: H.R. 3936, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the principal office of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to be at any location in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, rather than only in the District of Columbia, and expressing the sense of Congress that a dedicated Veterans Courthouse and Justice Center should be provided for that Court and those it serves and should be located, if feasible, at a site owned by the United States that is part of or proximate to the Pentagon Reservation (H. Rept. 108–574, Pt. 1);

Filed on June 28, 2004: H.R. 3980, to establish a National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, amended (H. Rept. 108–575, Pt. 1);

Filed on June 30, 2004: H.R. 3247, to provide consistent enforcement authority to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service to respond to violations of regulations regarding the management, use, and protection of public lands under the jurisdiction of these agencies, to clarify the purposes for which collected fines may be used, amended (H. Rept. 108–511, Pt. 2);

Filed on July 1, 2004: H.R. 4754, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–576);

Filed on July 1, 2004: H.R. 4755, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–577);

Filed on July 1, 2004: H.R. 4516, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program of research and development to advance high-end computing, amended (H. Rept. 108–578);

Filed on July 1, 2004: H.R. 3890, to reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988, amended (H. Rept. 108–579);

Filed on July 1, 2004: H.R. 4218, to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 (H. Rept. 108–580);

Filed on July 1, 2004: H.R. 3598, to establish an interagency committee to coordinate Federal manufacturing research and development efforts in manufacturing, strengthen existing programs to assist manufacturing innovation and education, and expand outreach programs for small and medium-sized manufacturers, amended (H. Rept. 108–581);

H.R. 1914, to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement, amended (H. Rept. 108–472, Pt. 2);