

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2980–2987, S. Res. 469, and S. Con. Res. 145. **Page S11377**

Measures Reported: Reported on Wednesday, November 10, during the adjournment:

S. 297, to provide reforms and resources to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to improve the Federal acknowledgement process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–403)

S. 519, to establish a Native American-owned financial entity to provide financial services to Indian tribes, Native American organizations, and Native Americans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–404)

S. 702, to amend the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act. (S. Rept. No. 108–405)

Report to accompany S. 2843, to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans. (S. Rept. No. 108–406)

S. 2647, to establish a national ocean policy, to set forth the missions of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to ensure effective interagency coordination, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–407)

S. 2275, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) to provide for homeland security assistance for high-risk nonprofit organizations, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–408)

S. 1798, to provide for comprehensive fire safety standards for upholstered furniture, mattresses, bed-clothing, and candles, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Reported on today:

S. 593, to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform service as a member of the uniformed services or member

of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–409)

S. 2409, to provide for continued health benefits coverage for certain Federal employees, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–410)

S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–411)

S. 1696, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–412)

S. 1715, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–413) **Page S11377**

MEASURES PASSED:

Children's Hospitals Educational Equity and Research Act: Senate passed S. 2526, to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11385–86**

State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 2283, to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools, and the bill was then passed. **Page S11386**

Coastal and Ocean Mapping Integration Act: Senate passed S. 2489, to establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to integrate Federal coastal and ocean mapping

activities, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11386–89**

Research Review Act: Senate passed H.R. 5213, to expand research information regarding multidisciplinary research projects and epidemiological studies, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11389**

National Ocean Exploration Program Act: Senate passed S. 2280, to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Commercial Space Transportation Liability: Senate passed H.R. 5245, to extend the liability indemnification regime for the commercial space transportation industry, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11390**

Norman Y. Mineta Research and Special Programs Reorganization Act: Senate passed H.R. 5163, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide the Department of Transportation a more focused research organization with an emphasis on innovative technology, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11390**

Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Clean Up Reauthorization: Senate passed H.R. 4794, to amend the Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Cleanup Act of 2000 to extend the authorization of appropriations, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11390**

Medicare Cost Sharing Extension: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 2618, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend medicare cost-sharing for the medicare part B premium for qualifying individuals through September 2005, and the bill was then passed.

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Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res.145, to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1417.

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Debt Limit Extension—Agreement: A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, Senate begin consideration of S. 2986 to amend title 31 of the United States Code to increase the public debt limit. **Page S11390**

National Intelligence Reform Act: On October 16, during the adjournment, Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to S. 2845, to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and agreed to House request for a conference, and appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Collins, Lott, DeWine,

Roberts, Voinovich, Sununu, Coleman, Lieberman, Levin, Durbin, Rockefeller, Graham (FL), and Lautenberg, pursuant to the orders of October 10 and 11, 2004.

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Germany (Treaty Doc. No. 108–27).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S11391**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 85 yeas 12 nays (Vote No. Ex. 212), Francis J. Harvey, of California, to be Secretary of the Army.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Dallas Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring May 21, 2010.

Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 19, 2006.

Ernest J. Wilson III of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2010. (Reappointment)

Harold Jennings Creel, Jr., of South Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2009. (Reappointment)

Jonathan Steven Adelstein, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2008. (Reappointment)

Albert Henry Konetzni, Jr., of New York, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2009.

Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2009. (Reappointment)

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors. (Reappointment)

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007. (Reappointment)

Jay T. Snyder, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2007. (Reappointment)

D. Jeffrey Hirschberg, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2007. (Reappointment)

Tony Hammond, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2010. (Reappointment)

Louis J. Giuliano, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2009.

Carolyn L. Gallagher, of Texas, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 2005.

Sharon Tucker, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2005.

Charles P. Ruch, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2010.

Edward Alton Parrish, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring April 17, 2008.

Laurie Stenberg Nichols, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring March 3, 2010.

Mimi Mager, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring December 27, 2007.

Jacob Joseph Lew, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2008.

Alberto R. Gonzales, of Texas, to be Attorney General.

Patricia Cushwa, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

Jennifer M. Anderson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Noel Anketell Kramer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

34 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps. **Pages S11393–96**

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

Ann C. Rosenthal, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of

Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2003, which was sent to the Senate on June 12, 2003.

Ann C. Rosenthal, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2006. (Reappointment), which was sent to the Senate on June 12, 2003.

Lawrence T. Di Rita, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, which was sent to the Senate on November 21, 2003. **Page S11396**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—212) **Page S11357**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S11391–92.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

IRAQ STORAGE SITES

Committee on Armed Services: on Wednesday, November 10, Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding the al Qaqa munitions storage site in Iraq, an overview of security of munitions storage sites in Iraq, and an update on the status of protective equipment for vehicles and military personnel serving in Iraq from Colonel William M. Caniano, USA, Assistant Director for Intelligence, J–2, Rear Admiral Mark D. Hamitcheck, USN, Vice Director for Logistics, J–4, and Brigadier General David M. Rodriguez, USA, Deputy Director for Regional Operations, J–3.

ARCTIC CLIMATE IMPACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the research of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on climate change impacts, focusing on the ice sheets that are Greenland and Antarctica, which store 77% of the Earth's fresh water, after receiving testimony from Ghassem Asrar, Deputy Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, and Drew T. Shindell, Research Physicist, Earth Sciences Directorate, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Scott Borg, Section Head, Antarctic Sciences Section, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation; Robert W. Corell, University of Alaska Fairbanks, and Susan Joy Hassol, Basalt, Colorado, both on behalf of the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment; Igor Krupnik, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.; and Mark Serrez, University of Colorado National Snow and Ice Data Center, Boulder.

INSURANCE BROKERAGE PRACTICES

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine insurance brokerage practices, including potential conflicts of interest and the adequacy of the current regulatory framework, after receiving testimony from New York Attorney General Eliot L. Spitzer, New York; Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Hartford; Gregory Serio, New York Superintendent of Insurance, Albany, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; John Garamendi, California Insurance Commissioner, Sacramento; Albert R. Counselman, Riggs, Counselman, Michaels and Downes, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers; Alex Soto, InSource, Inc., Miami, Florida, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America; Ernst N.

Csiszar, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, and J. Robert Hunter, Consumer Federation of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Janice Ochenkowski, Jones Lang LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Risk and Insurance Management Society.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Hatch and Bennett, Paul A. Crotty, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, who was introduced by Senators Schumer and Clinton, and J. Michael Seabright, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, who was introduced by Senators Inouye and Akaka, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FLU VACCINE MARKET

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine liability and licensing issues relating to the flu vaccine market, focusing on the ongoing efforts of the Food and Drug Administration to ensure the safety, effectiveness, and availability of influenza and other vaccines licensed in the United States, after receiving testimony from Lester M. Crawford, Acting Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, and Mitchell L. Cohen, Director, Coordinating Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Peter R. Paradiso, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Collegeville, Pennsylvania; and Frank A. Sloan, Duke University Center for Health Policy, Law, and Management, Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy, Durham, North Carolina.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 5360–5370; 2 private bills, H.R. 5371–5372; and; 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 5211, and H. Res. 853–855, were introduced. **Pages H9744–45**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9745–46**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3143, to enhance Federal Trade Commission enforcement against cross-border fraud and deception, amended (H. Rept. 108–635, Pt. 2);

Supplemental report on H.R. 10, to provide for reform of the intelligence community, terrorism prevention and prosecution, border security, and international cooperation and coordination (H. Rept. 108–724, Pt. 6); and

H.R. 4251, to amend various laws relating to maritime transportation, amended (H. Rept. 108-775); **Page H9744**

Library of Congress Trust Fund Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board: Mr. Edwin L. Cox of Dallas, Texas (re-appointment); and Mr. Anthony Welters of Vienna, Virginia. **Page H9690**

Social Security Advisory Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of Mrs. Dorcas R. Hardy of Spotsylvania, Virginia to the Social Security Advisory Board. **Pages H9689-90**

Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: The Chair announced the joint reappointment by the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate of the following individuals to the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Mr. Alan V. Friedman of Los Angeles, California; Ms. Susan S. Robfogel of Rochester, New York; and Ms. Barbara Childs Wallace of Ridgeland, Mississippi. **Page H9690**

Committee Removal: The Chair announced the Speaker's removal of Representative Blunt from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page H9690**

Committee Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Boehlert to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page H9690**

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

Supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month: H. Res. 641, supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; **Pages H9690-91**

Guardian of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building Designation Act: S. 2640, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1050 North Hills Boulevard in Reno, Nevada, as the "Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building" and to authorize the installation of a plaque at such site—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H9691-92**

Mike Mansfield Post Office Building Designation Act: S. 2214, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3150 Great Northern Avenue in Missoula, Montana, as the "Mike Mansfield Post Office"—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H9692-93**

Lieutenant John F. Finn Post Office Building Designation Act: S. 2693, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1475

Western Avenue, Suite 45, in Albany, New York, as the "Lieutenant John F. Finn Post Office"—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H9693-94**

Recognizing the 130th anniversary of the creation of lifesaving station on the Great Lakes: H. Res. 750, recognizing the 130th anniversary of the creation of lifesaving stations on the Great Lakes, which became part of the United States Life-Saving Service; and **Pages H9694-95**

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during WWII: H.J. Res. 110, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas with none voting nay, Roll No. 531. **Pages H9695-98**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H9698**

Foreign Operations Appropriations for FY2005: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4818, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H9698-99**

Appointed as conferees: From the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs of the Committee on Appropriations, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Kolbe, Knollenberg, Lewis (CA), Wicker, Bonilla, Vitter, Kirk, Crenshaw, Lowey, Jackson (IL), Kilpatrick, Rothman, and Kaptur. **Page H9699**

From the Committee on Appropriations, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Young (FL), Regula, Hobson, Obey, and Visclosky. **Page H9699**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9685-86 and H9706.

Senate Referrals: S. 353, S. 1042, S. 1129, S. 2012, S. 2044, S. 2314, S. 2331, S. 2668, and S. 2938 were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 1433, S. 1466, S. 1614, S. 1678, S. 1852, S. 2142, S. 2181, S. 2334, S. 2408, S. 2567, S. 2571, S. 2622, and S. 2847 were referred to the Committee on Resources; S. 1379 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services; S. 2283, S. 2526, and S. 2618 were referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; S. 2656, S. 2688, and S. 2693, were referred to the Committee on Government Reform; S. 2856 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture; S. 2691 was referred to the Committees on Resources and Transportation & Infrastructure; S. 2976 was referred to the Committees on Energy & Commerce

and the Judiciary; S. Con. Res. 136 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and S. 437, S. 2042, S. 2280, S. 2302, S. 2489, S. 2839, S. 2979, S. Con. Res. 8, and S. Con. Res. 121, and S. Con. Res. 145 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H9698. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PRIVATE LAWS

(For last listing of Private Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1034)

H.R. 712, for the relief of Richi James Lesley. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Private Law 108–3)

H.R. 867, for the relief of Durreshahwar Durreshahwar, Nida Hasan, Asna Hasan, Anum Hasan, and Iqra Hasan. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Private Law 108–4)

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1034)

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. Signed on October 13, 2004. (Public Law 108–324)

S. 1778, to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, Alaska. Signed on October 13, 2004. (Public Law 108–325)

H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa. Signed on October 16, 2004. (Public Law 108–326)

H.R. 2408, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges. Signed on October 16, 2004. (Public Law 108–327)

H.R. 2771, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Program. Signed on October 16, 2004. (Public Law 108–328)

H.R. 4115, to amend the Act of November 2, 1966 (80 Stat. 1112), to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting the land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation. Signed on October 16, 2004. (Public Law 108–329)

H.R. 4259, to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the financial accountability requirements applicable to the Department of Homeland Security, to establish requirements for the Future Years Homeland Security Program of the Department. Signed on October 16, 2004. (Public Law 108–330)

H.R. 5105, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out construction and related activities in support of the collaborative Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project on Kitt Peak near Tucson, Arizona. Signed on October 16, 2004. (Public Law 108–331)

S. 2292, to require a report on acts of anti-Semitism around the world. Signed on October 16, 2004. (Public Law 108–332)

H.R. 4011, to promote human rights and freedom in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–333)

H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–334)

H.R. 4850, 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, 2005. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–335)

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 concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–336)

S. 1421, to authorize the subdivision and dedication of restricted land owned by Alaska Natives. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–337)

S. 1537, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–338)

S. 1663, to replace certain Coastal Barrier Resources System maps. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–339)

S. 1687, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–340)

S. 1814, to transfer Federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108-341)

S. 2052, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108-342)

S. 2319, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108-343)

S. 2363, to revise and extend the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108-344)

S. 2508, to redesignate the Ridges Basin Reservoir, Colorado, as Lake Nighthorse. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108-345)

S. 2180, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108-346)

H.R. 854, to provide for the promotion of democracy, human rights, and rule of law in the Republic of Belarus and for the consolidation and strengthening of Belarus sovereignty and independence. Signed on October 20, 2004. (Public Law 108-347)

S. 2895, to authorize the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, to be illuminated by pink lights in honor of breast cancer awareness month. Signed on October 20, 2004. (Public Law 108-348)

H.R. 5122, to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 2 terms. Signed on October 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-349)

S. 33, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites. Signed on October 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-350)

S. 1791, to amend the Lease Lot Conveyance Act of 2002 to provide that the amounts received by the United States under that Act shall be deposited in the reclamation fund. Signed on October 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-351)

S. 2178, to make technical corrections to laws relating to certain units of the National Park System and to National Park programs. Signed on October 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-352)

S. 2415, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4141 Postmark Drive, Anchorage, Alaska, as the "Robert J. Opinsky Post Office Building". Signed on October 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-353)

S. 2511, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study of a Chimayo water supply system, to provide for the planning, design, and construction of a water supply, reclamation, and filtration facility for Espanola, New Mexico. Signed on October 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-354)

S. 2634, to amend the Public Health Service Act to support the planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies, to authorize grants to institutions of higher education to reduce student mental and behavioral health problems. Signed on October 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-355)

S. 2742, to extend certain authority of the Supreme Court Police, modify the venue of prosecutions relating to the Supreme Court building and grounds, and authorize the acceptance of gifts to the United States Supreme Court. Signed on October 21, 2004. (Public Law 108-356)

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. Signed on October 22, 2004. (Public Law 108-357)

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. Signed on October 22, 2004. (Public Law 108-358)

H.R. 1533, to amend the securities laws to permit church pension plans to be invested in collective trusts. Signed on October 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-359)

H.R. 2608, to reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. Signed on October 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-360)

H.R. 2828, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources. Signed on October 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-361)

H.R. 3858, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, and to provide for better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation. Signed on October 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-362)

H.R. 4175, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans. Signed on October 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-363)

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. Signed on October 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-364)

H.R. 4555, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to mammography quality standards. Signed on October 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-365)

H.R. 5185, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Signed on October 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-366)

S. 524, to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862. Signed on October 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-367)

S. 1368, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. (posthumously) and his widow Coretta Scott King in recognition of their contributions to the Nation on behalf of the civil rights movement. Signed on October 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-368)

S. 2864, to extend for eighteen months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted. Signed on October 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-369)

S. 2883, to amend the International Child Abduction Remedies Act to limit the tort liability of private entities or organizations that carry out responsibilities of United States Central Authority under that Act. Signed on October 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-370)

S. 2896, to modify and extend certain privatization requirements of the Communications Satellite Act of 1962. Signed on October 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-371)

H.R. 2714, to reauthorize the State Justice Institute. Signed on October 25, 2004. (Public Law 108-372)

S. 1134, to reauthorize and improve the programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965. Signed on October 27, 2004. (Public Law 108-373)

S. 1721, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land. Signed on October 27, 2004. (Public Law 108-374)

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. Signed on October 28, 2004. (Public Law 108-375)

H.R. 2010, to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-376)

H.R. 2023, to give a preference regarding States that require schools to allow students to self-administer medication to treat that student's asthma or anaphylaxis. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-377)

H.R. 2400, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-378)

H.R. 2984, to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to remove the requirement that processors be members of an agency administering a marketing order applicable to pears. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-379)

H.R. 3056, to clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-380)

H.R. 3217, to provide for the conveyance of several small parcels of National Forest System land in the Apalachicola National Forest, Florida, to resolve boundary discrepancies involving the Mt. Trial Primitive Baptist Church of Wakulla County, Florida. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-381)

H.R. 3391, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Provo River Project. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-382)

H.R. 3478, to amend title 44, United States Code, to improve the efficiency of operations by the National Archives and Records Administration and to reauthorize the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-383)

H.R. 3479, to provide for the control and eradication of the brown tree snake on the island of Guam and the prevention of the introduction of the brown tree snake to other areas of the United States. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-384)

H.R. 3706, to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-385)

H.R. 3797, to authorize improvements in the operations of the government of the District of Columbia. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-386)

H.R. 3819, to redesignate Fort Clatsop National Memorial as the Lewis and Clark National Historical

Park, to include in the park sites in the State of Washington as well as the State of Oregon. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–387)

H.R. 4046, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 West 180th Street in New York, New York, as the “Sergeant Riayan A. Tejada Post Office”. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–388)

H.R. 4066, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–389)

H.R. 4306, to amend section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the process for verifying an individual’s eligibility for employment. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–390)

H.J. Res. 57, expressing the sense of the Congress in recognition of the contributions of the seven Columbia astronauts by supporting establishment of a Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–391)

H.R. 4381, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2811 Springdale Avenue in Springdale, Arkansas, as the “Harvey and Bernice Jones Post Office Building”. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–392)

H.R. 4471, to clarify the loan guarantee authority under title VI of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–393)

H.R. 4481, to amend Public Law 86–434 establishing Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri to expand the boundaries of the park. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–394)

H.R. 4556, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1115 South Clinton Avenue in Dunn, North Carolina, as the “General William Carey Lee Post Office Building”. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–395)

H.R. 4579, to modify the boundary of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site in the State of Missouri. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–396)

H.R. 4618, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 West Prospect Street in Nanuet, New York, as the “Anthony I. Lombardi Memorial Post Office Building”. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–397)

H.R. 4632, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19504 Linden Boulevard in St. Albans, New York, as the “Archie Spigner Post Office Building”. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–398)

H.R. 4731, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–399)

H.R. 4827, to amend the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000 to rename the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area as the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–400)

H.R. 4917, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States for fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2007. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–401)

H.R. 5027, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 411 Midway Avenue in Mascotte, Florida, as the “Specialist Eric Ramirez Post Office”. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–402)

H.R. 5039, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at United States Route 1 in Ridgeway, North Carolina, as the “Eva Holtzman Post Office”. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–403)

H.R. 5051, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1001 Williams Street in Ignacio, Colorado, as the “Leonard C. Burch Post Office Building”. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–404)

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. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–405)

H.R. 5131, to provide assistance to Special Olympics to support expansion of Special Olympics and development of education programs and a Healthy Athletes Program. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–406)

H.R. 5133, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11110 Sunset Hills Road in Reston, Virginia, as the “Martha Pennino Post Office Building”. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108–407)

H.R. 5147, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 23055 Sherman Way in West Hills, California, as the “Evan Asa Ashcraft

Post Office Building". Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-408)

H.R. 5186, to reduce certain special allowance payments and provide additional teacher loan forgiveness on Federal student loans. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-409)

H.R. 5294, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-410)

S. 129, to provide for reform relating to Federal employment. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-411)

S. 144, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to provide assistance to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate noxious weeds on public and private land. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-412)

S. 643, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and occupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-413)

S. 1194, to foster local collaborations which will ensure that resources are effectively and efficiently used within the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Public Law 108-414)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 17 through November 20,
2004

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, at 2:15 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of S. 2986, Debt Limit Extension.

During the balance of the week Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: November 17, to receive a closed briefing on Iraq and Afghanistan, 3 p.m., SR-222.

November 18, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the status of financial management reform within the Department of Defense and the individual services, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: November 17, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine prenatal genetic testing technology, 2 p.m., SR-253.

November 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine certain pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

November 18, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine the science behind pornography addiction, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: November 18, to hold hearings to examine putting patient safety first regarding drugs like Merck and Vioxx, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Indian Affairs: November 17, business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by an oversight hearing on the In Re Tribal Lobbying Matters, Et Al, 3 p.m., SH-216.

November 18, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by an oversight hearing on the water problems on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, 10 a.m., SR-485.

House Chamber

Program to be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, November 17, hearing on the Status of U.S. Forces, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, November 18, Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled "Flu Vaccine: Protecting High-Risk Individuals and Strengthening the Market," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, November 17, hearing entitled "The Nation's Flu Shot Shortage: Where Are We Today and How Prepared Are We for Tomorrow?" 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 17, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "What is the Bush Administration's Record in Regulatory Reform?" 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

November 18, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Law Enforcement and the Fight Against Methamphetamine," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, November 17, hearing on The Oil-for-Food Program: Tracking the Funds, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 18, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Aid to Colombia—The European Role in the Fight Against Narco-terrorism, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, November 18, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing entitled "Notice Provision in the *Pigford v. Glickman* Consent Decree," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conference: November 17, closed meeting of conferees on H.R. 4548, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, 1:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Conference: November 17, meeting of conferees on H.R. 1350, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 2:30 p.m., 2175 RHOB.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 20 through October 31, 2004

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	124	102	..
Time in session	966 hrs., 58'	841 hrs., 22'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	11334	9683	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1967	..
Public bills enacted into law	60	156	216
Private bills enacted into law	1	3	4
Bills in conference	9	12	..
Measures passed, total	550	685	1,235
Senate bills	163	63	..
House bills	171	319	..
Senate joint resolutions	5	3	..
House joint resolutions	3	8	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	38	12	..
House concurrent resolutions	34	83	..
Simple resolutions	136	197	..
Measures reported, total	293	354	647
Senate bills	203	18	..
House bills	62	234	..
Senate joint resolutions	5	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	6	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	2	6	..
Simple resolutions	15	95	..
Special reports	7	4	..
Conference reports	1	11	..
Measures pending on calendar	297	155	..
Measures introduced, total	1,232	2,226	3,458
Bills	974	1,660	..
Joint resolutions	15	27	..
Concurrent resolutions	58	172	..
Simple resolutions	185	367	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	211	301	..
Recorded votes .....	..	228	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS (108-2)

January 20 through October 31, 2004

Civilian nominations, totaling 505 (including 195 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		165
Unconfirmed		317
Withdrawn		20
Returned to White House		3
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 3,514 (including 5 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		3,003
Unconfirmed		510
Withdrawn		1
Air Force nominations, totaling 9,649 (including 3,572 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		5,773
Unconfirmed		3,874
Withdrawn		2
Army nominations, totaling 5,883 (including 594 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		5,823
Unconfirmed		60
Navy nominations, totaling 9,819 (including 2,444 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		9,346
Unconfirmed		473
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,227 (including 2 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,225
Unconfirmed		2

Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session	6,812
Total nominations received this Session	23,785
Total confirmed	25,335
Total unconfirmed	5,236
Total withdrawn	23
Total Returned to the White House	3

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 182 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 369 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2:15 p.m., Wednesday, November 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will begin consideration of S. 2986, Debt Limit Extension.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 17

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

- (1) S. 2484, Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Personnel Enhancement Act of 2004;
- (2) S. 2486, Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 2004;
- (3) H.R. 3936, Veterans Health Programs Improvement Act of 2004;
- (4) H.R. 4593, Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2004;
- (5) S. 437, Arizona Water Settlements Act;
- (6) S. 1466, Alaska Land Transfer Acceleration Act of 2003;

(7) S. 1727, To authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978;

(8) S. 1241, Kate Mullany National Historic Site Act;

(9) H.R. 1284, To amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project;

(10) H.R. 1113, To authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument;

(11) S. 1146, Three Affiliated Tribes Health Facility Compensation Act;

(12) S. 2302, To improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas;

(13) H.R. 1417, Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of 2004;

(14) H.R. 4516, Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004;

(15) S. 2965, To amend the Livestock Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 1999 to modify the termination date for mandatory price reporting; and

(16) H. Con. Res. 430, Recognizing the importance of early diagnosis, proper treatment, and enhanced public awareness of Tourette Syndrome and supporting the goals and ideals of National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month.

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