

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations bill.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 225, Encouraging the Display of the American Flag.

The House passed H.R. 2882, Expedited Payment of Benefits to Public Safety Officers.

The House passed H.R. 2884, Victims of Terrorism Relief Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9343–S9410*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1421–1425. **Page S9395**

**Measures Passed:**

*Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations:* By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 279), Senate passed H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S9354–59, S9361–88**

Adopted:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1543, to prohibit the sale of disaster loans authorized under section 7(b) of the Small Business Act. **Pages S9354, S9359**

Hollings/Gregg Amendment No. 1558, to make certain improvements to the bill. **Page S9365**

Hollings/Gregg Amendment No. 1559, relating to payments of claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, to make available funds for the Immigration Services and Infrastructure Improvements Account, to provide a set aside for the Standing Against Global Exploitation (SAGE) Project, and to provide for the extension of the date for the initial public offering of securities for the successor of Inmarsat. **Page S9367**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 278), Harkin Amendment No. 1560, to express the sense of the Senate regarding discrimination against Arab Americans. **Pages S9368–71**

Hatch (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1562, to enhance the capability of the United States to deter, prevent, and thwart domestic and international acts of terrorism against United States nationals and interests. **Pages S9372–78**

Gregg (for Collins) Amendment No. 1563, to provide funding for the Rapid Response Program in Washington and Hancock Counties, Maine. **Pages S9387–88**

Withdrawn:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1542, to increase funds for the trade enforcement and trade compliance activities of the International Trade Administration and to reduce funds for TV Marti. **Pages S9354, S9359**

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 Hollings, Inouye, Mikulski, Leahy, Kohl, Murray, Reed, Byrd, Gregg, Stevens, Domenici, McConnell, Hutchison, Campbell, and Cochran. **Page S9387**

*Smithsonian Board of Regents:* Senate passed S.J. Res. 19, providing for the reappointment of Anne d'Harnoncourt as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Pages S9405–06**

*Smithsonian Board of Regents:* Senate passed S.J. Res. 20, providing for the appointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page S9406**

*Visa Non-Immigrants Authority:* Senate passed S. 1424, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for the admission of "S" visa non-immigrants. **Page S9406**

**Small Business Technology Transfer Program Authorization:** Senate passed S. 856, to reauthorize the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Kerry/Bond) Amendment No. 1569, in the nature of a substitute.

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**Public Safety Benefits:** Senate passed H.R. 2882, to provide for the expedited payment of certain benefits for a public safety officer who was killed or suffered a catastrophic injury as a direct or proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

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**Display of American Flag:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 225, expressing the sense of the Congress that, as a symbol of solidarity following the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, every United States citizen is encouraged to display the flag of the United States.

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—279)

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:28 p.m., until 9:00 a.m., on Friday, September 14, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9410.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of General Richard B. Myers, USAF, for appointment as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade of general, after the nominee, who was intro-

duced by Senators Carnahan and Roberts, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### TERRORIST ATTACKS ON U.S.

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding the terrorist attacks upon the United States from officials of the Department of Defense.

### NOMINATION

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John D. NegroponTE, of the District of Columbia, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassadors, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Mr. NegroponTE, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Stevens and McCain, and Richard Holbrooke, former Representative of the United States to the United Nations, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### NOMINATIONS

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Patrick Francis Kennedy, of Illinois, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for the U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, Laura E. Kennedy, of New York, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Ronald E. Neumann, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Bahrain, and Marcelle M. Wahba, of California, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Neumann, and Ms. Wahba, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 952, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions;

S. 928, to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to require, as a condition of receipt or use of Federal financial assistance, that States waive immunity to suit for certain violations of that Act, and to affirm the availability of certain suits for injunctive relief to ensure compliance with that Act; and

The nomination of Brian Jones, of California, to be General Counsel, Department of Education.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael G. Heavican, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, Paul J. McNulty, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, Colm F. Connolly, to be United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, Roscoe Conklin Howard, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, Michael J. Sullivan, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana, Stephen Beville Pence, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Thomas B. Heffelfinger, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, Patrick

Leo Meehan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Mary Beth Buchanan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Peter W. Hall, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Barrington D. Parker, Jr., of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Michael P. Mills, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, and John W. Gillis, of California, to be Director of the Office of Victims of Crime, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Parker was introduced by Senator Lieberman, and Mr. Mills was introduced by Senators Lott and Cochran.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 6 public bills, H.R. 2882–2887; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 62–63, and H. Con. Res. 225–226, were introduced. **Page H5615**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 237, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 107–205). **Page H5615**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5593**

**Display of the American Flag:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 225, expressing the sense of the Congress that as a symbol of solidarity following the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, every United States citizen is encouraged to display the flag of the United States. **Pages H5595–98**

Earlier, agreed to consider the concurrent resolution pursuant to a unanimous consent order. **Page H5595**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:24 a.m. **Page H5598**

**Expedited Payment of Benefits to Public Safety Officers:** The House passed H.R. 2882, to provide for the expedited payment of certain benefits for a public safety officer who was killed or suffered a catastrophic injury as a direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 by a ye-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 339. **Pages H5598–H5605**

Earlier, agreed to consider the bill pursuant to a unanimous consent order. **Page H5598**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 1:33 p.m. **Page H5605**

**Victims of Terrorism Relief Act of 2001:** The House passed H.R. 2884, to amend the Internal Revenue code of 1986 to provide tax relief for victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001 by a ye-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 340. **Pages H5605–12**

Earlier, agreed to consider the bill pursuant to a unanimous consent order. **Page H5605**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:31 p.m. **Page H5612**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:02 p.m. and reconvened at 11:24 p.m. **Page H5613**

**Amendment:** Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on pages H5616–17.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5604 and H5612. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 1913, to require the valuation of non-tribal interest ownership of subsurface rights within the boundaries of the Acoma Indian Reservation. Testimony was heard from Representative Skeen; Neal A. McCaleb, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

### OVERSIGHT—HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and other National Ocean Service programs. Testimony was heard from Scott Gudes, Acting Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere/Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Jeff High, Director, Waterways Management, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### WESTERN WATER ENHANCEMENT SECURITY ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1985, Western Water Enhancement Security Act.

### SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XI (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 resolution applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of Friday, September 14, 2001, providing for consideration or disposition of a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 2001 for additional disaster assistance, for anti-terrorism initiatives, for assistance in the recovery from the tragedy that occurred on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

### STARS PROGRAM STATUS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Update on the Status of the STARS Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Steven Zaidman, Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisitions, and William R. Voss, Director, Terminal Business Service, both with the FAA; and Alexis Stefani, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and a public witness.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2001

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9 a.m., Friday, September 14

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, September 14

Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate expects to consider the Supplemental Appropriations Bill.

House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Consideration of a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance, anti-terrorism initiatives, and assistance in the recovery from the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001.

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