

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

House Committee ordered reported the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2003.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4593–S4650

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 749–762, and S. Res. 102. **Page S4629**

Measures Reported:

S. 762, making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003. (S. Rept. No. 108–33)

S. 380, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4628**

Measures Passed:

Troop Phone Home Free Act: Senate passed S. 718, to provide a monthly allotment of free telephone calling time to members of the United States armed forces stationed outside the United States who are directly supporting military operations in Iraq or Afghanistan, after agreeing to the following amendment thereto: **Pages S4615–21**

McCain Amendment No. 434, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4615**

Selected Reserve Bonus Delay Alleviation: Senate passed S. 711, to amend title 37, United States Code, to alleviate delay in the payment of the Selected Reserve reenlistment bonus to members of Selected Reserve who are mobilized. **Pages S4647–48**

Survivor Benefits: Senate passed S. 712, to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide Survivor Benefit Plan annuities for surviving spouses of Reserves not eligible for retirement who die from a

cause incurred or aggravated while on inactive-duty training. **Pages S4647–48**

Death Gratuity Increase: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 704, to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the amount of the death gratuity payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4648**

Recognizing Sinking of USS Thresher: Senate agreed to S. Res. 102, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the sinking of the USS *Thresher* (SSN 593). **Pages S4648–50**

Wartime Supplemental Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 762, making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, April 2, 2003. **Page S4650**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 2, 2003 and that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form prior to the cloture vote on the nomination. **Page S4650**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Joint Convention On Safety Of Spent Fuel And Radioactive Waste Management (Treaty Doc. 106–48) (Ex. Rept. 108–5) **Pages S4628–29**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 58 yeas 41 nays (Vote No. Ex. 113), Timothy M. Tymkovich, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—113) Page S4614

Adjournment: Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 7:13 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 2, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4650.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine Alzheimer's disease, focusing on increasing funding for Alzheimer's research, including ways to maintain the pipeline of basic scientific discovery to develop potential targets for treatment and prevention, develop better animal models of Alzheimer's that will more closely parallel humans, test the most promising potential targets for prevention in large-scale clinical trials, search for biomarkers that show evidence of disease and monitor its progress without having to wait for evidence from cognitive testing, and identify additional risk factors for Alzheimer's through genetics, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, National Institute of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Sheldon Goldberg, Alzheimer's Association, Washington, D.C.; Marilyn A. Albert, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association; Mary Jean Uptegraph, Dubuque, Iowa; Donald Kurtz, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the

Pennsylvania and the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; Mike Martz, St. Louis, Missouri; and Terrell Owens, Fremont, California.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from John Ashcroft, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

WARTIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 762) making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management support concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on impacts of environmental laws on readiness and the related Administration Legislative Proposal, after receiving testimony from John P. Suarez, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency; H. Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks; William T. Hogarth, Assistant Administrator for National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Benedict S. Cohen, Deputy General Counsel, Environment and Installations, Department of Defense; Douglas H. Benevento, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver; David Mears, Washington State Office of the Attorney General, Olympia; Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Center for Naval Analysis, Alexandria, Virginia; Darlene R. Ketten, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts; Nina M. Young, The Ocean Conservancy, and Lenny Siegel, Center for Public Environmental Oversight, both of Washington, D.C.; Jamie R. Clarke, National Wildlife Federation, Reston, Virginia.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: NAVY/MARINE CORPS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Navy and Marine Corps