

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1559, Wartime Supplemental Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4883–S4918

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 792–807, S. Res. 105–106, and S. Con. Res. 33. **Pages S4897–98**

Measures Reported:

S. 196, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 108–34) **Page S4897**

Measures Passed:

Cesar Estrada Chavez Study Act: Senate passed S. 164, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4910**

High Plains Aquifer Hydrogeologic Characterization, Mapping, Modeling and Monitoring Act: Senate passed S. 212, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the High Plains Aquifer States in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, and modeling program for the High Plains Aquifer, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4911–13**

Illinois Hydroelectric Project Extension: Senate passed S. 220, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois. **Page S4913**

Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act: Senate passed S. 278, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area. **Page S4913**

Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area Designation Act: Senate passed S. 328, to designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the State of Maryland as the “Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area”, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4913**

Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act: Senate passed S. 347, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint resource study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4914**

Illinois Hydroelectric Project Extension: Senate passed H.R. 397, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S4914**

Cuban Democracy Activists Arrests: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 97, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the arrests of Cuban democracy activists by the Cuban Government, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S4914**

Sessions (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 525 (to the Preamble), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the arrests of Cuban democracy activists by the Cuban Government. **Pages S4914–15**

Legal Representation Authority: Senate agreed to S. Res. 105, to authorize testimony and legal representation in *State of New Hampshire v. Macy E. Morse, et al.* **Page S4915**

Foreign Agricultural Service 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 106, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the 50th anniversary of the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture. **Page S4915**

Wartime Supplemental Appropriations: Pursuant to the order of April 3, 2003, Senate passed H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 762, Senate companion measure, as amended. **Page S4917**

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 Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Burns, Shelby, Gregg, Bennett, Campbell, Craig, Hutchison, DeWine, Brownback, Byrd, Inouye, Hollings, Leahy, Harkin, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, Murray, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin, Johnson, and Landrieu. **Page S4917**

Subsequently, the April 3rd passage of S. 762 was vitiated and the bill was then placed back on the Calendar. **Page S4917**

Guam South Elementary/Middle School Renaming: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 672, to rename the Guam South Elementary/Middle School of the Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools System in honor of Navy Commander William "Willie" McCool, who was the pilot of the Space Shuttle *Columbia* when it was tragically lost on February 1, 2003, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S4917**

Nomination Considered: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. **Pages S4892-94, S4915-17**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 8, 2003. **Pages S4917-18**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Secretary of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the appointment of Paul Gherman, of Tennessee, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page S4917**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 80 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 126), Cormac J. Carney, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Pages S4891, S4918**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard James O'Connell, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

Robert D. McCallum, Jr., of Georgia, to be Associate Attorney General.

Steven B. Nesmith, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Paul Pate, 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.

Paul Pate, 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. (Re-appointment).

Lane Carson, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2004.

James Broaddus, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2004.

Jose Teran, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2005.

19 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps.

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Messages From the House:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—126) **Page S4891**

Adjournment: Senate met at 3 p.m., and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 8, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4918.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management and Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, after receiving testimony from Jessie H. Roberson, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, and Margaret S. Y. Chu, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, both of the Department of Energy.

SARS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome threat, focusing on the issues of vaccine development, drug screening, and clinical research, after receiving testimony from Julie

L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and David L. Heymann, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 6, 1644–1657; 1 private bill, H.R. 1658; and; 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 138–140, and H. Res. 179–180 were introduced. **Pages H2863–64**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2864**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1036, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others, amended (H. Rept. 108–59); and

H.R. 1298, to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, amended (H. Rept. 108–60). **Page H2863**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Otter to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2825**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2827**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:48 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H2833**

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

Dr. Roswell N. Beck Post Office Building Florence, South Carolina: H.R. 1055, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1901 West Evans Street in Florence, South Carolina, as the “Dr. Roswell N. Beck Post Office Building” (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 383 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 109);

Pages H2828–29, H2834

Financial Literacy for Youth Month: H. Res. 127, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a month should be designated as “Financial Literacy for Youth Month” (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 380 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 110). Agreed to amend the title so as to read:

Resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of ‘Financial Literacy for Youth Month.’; and

Pages H2829–32, H2834–35

Norman Shumway Post Office Building, Stockton, California: H.R. 1368, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7554 Pacific Avenue in Stockton, California, as the “Norman Shumway Post Office Building” (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 380 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 111. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7554 Pacific Avenue in Stockton, California, as the ‘Norman D. Shumway Post Office Building’.”.

Pages H2832–33, H2835–36

Keeping Children and Families Safe: The House insisted on its amendment to S. 342, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act, and agreed to a conference as requested by the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Boehner and Representatives Hoekstra, Porter, Greenwood, Norwood, Gingrey, Burns, George Miller of California, Hinojosa, Davis of California, Ryan of Ohio and Davis of Illinois. **Page H2836**

Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act: Agreed that it be in order at anytime without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House, 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, that the bill be considered as read for amendment; that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except for (1) one hour of debate; (2) the amendment No. 1 to H.R. 735, 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, printed in the Congressional Record

of April 1 if offered by Representative Waxman or his designee, which shall not be subject to amendment or a demand for division of the question; and (3) one motion to recommit with or without instructions; and that following passage of S. 380, H.R. 735, shall be laid upon the table. **Page H2836**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on pages H2825, H2833.

Referrals: S. 273, S. 302, and S. 426 were referred to the Committee on Resources. **Page H2856**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2834, H2834–35, H2835–36. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT—IRAQ'S VIOLATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: On April 4, the Committee held a hearing on Iraq's violations of the Law of Armed Conflict. Testimony was heard from W. Hays Parks, Special Assistant, Law of War Matters, The Judge Advocate General, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

“THE PRESIDENT’S MANAGEMENT AGENDA: RIGHTSIZING THE U.S. PRESENCE ABROAD”

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “The President’s Management Agenda: Rightsizing the U.S. Presence Abroad.” Testimony was heard from Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade Division; the following officials of the Department of State: Ruth A. Davis, Director General; Maj. Gen. Charles E. Williams, USA (Ret.), Director, Overseas Buildings Office; Richard Nygard, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Management, AID; Anne Sigmund, Acting Inspector General; and William H. Itoh, Acting Deputy Inspector General.

PROJECT BIOSHIELD

Committee on Government Reform: On April 4, the Committee held a hearing entitled “Project Bio-Shield: Contracting for the Health and Security of the American Public.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and Mark McClellan, M.D., Commissioner, FDA; Michael Brown, Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security; Dale Klein, Assistant to the

Secretary, Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the global AIDS crisis and the recent emergence of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, 9 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine current funding and the progress being made at the National Institute of Health, 9 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., S–146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the fiscal year 2004 Emergency Preparedness and Response Budget Overview, 2 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, 10:15 a.m., SR–325.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on strategic forces and policy, to be followed by a closed session in SR–222, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine the impact of proposed RESPA rule on small business and consumers, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Product Safety, to hold hearings to examine promoting corporate responsibility through the elimination of dividend taxation, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine S. 485, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution through expansion of cap and trade programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade program, 2 p.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine Enron, focusing on the Joint Committee on Taxation Report on compensation-related issues, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to resume hearings to examine NATO enlargement, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine global energy security issues, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings with the House Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization to examine the federal government's strategic human capital management and consider pending legislation on the federal workforce, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Mammography Quality Standards Act, focusing on patient access to quality health care, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold oversight hearings to examine the operations of the Sergeant at Arms, the Library of Congress and the Congressional Research Service, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Special Security Events, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, to continue on NIH, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on NASA, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to mark up H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Designing a Twenty-First Century Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 1474, Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "Promoting the American Dream of Homeownership through Down Payment Assistance," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources,

hearing entitled "ONDCP Reauthorization: The High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program and CTAC," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on "California's Electricity Market: Refunds and Reform," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "The Consolidated Financial Statements of the Federal Government for Fiscal Year 2002," 10:30 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled "Cyber Security: The Challenges Facing Our Nation In Critical Infrastructure Protection," 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the "Reauthorization of the United States Department of Justice: Executive Office of the United States Attorneys, Civil Division, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Executive Office for United States Trustees, and Office of Solicitor General, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 272, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries; H.R. 437, Coltsville Study Act of 2003; and HR. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1036, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, 1:30 p.m., Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology, hearing on Litigating the Americans with Disability Act, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing to examine implementation of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, 3 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the 2003 Tax Return Filing Season and the IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 2004, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings with the House Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization to examine the federal government's strategic human capital management and consider pending legislation on the federal workforce, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Also, Senate expects to begin consideration of S. 476, CARE Act of 2003 and certain pending judicial nominations.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 8

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

- (1) H.R. 108, Payment of Environmental Reviews by the Department of Agriculture;
- (2) H.R. 273, Nutria Eradication and Control;
- (3) H.R. 733, McLoughlin House National Historic Site;
- (4) H.R. 205, National Small Business Regulatory Assistance;
- (5) H. Res. 170, 40th anniversary of the sinking of the U.S.S. *Thresher*;
- (6) H. Res. 149, Expressing the condolences on the assassination of Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic of Serbia;
- (7) H. Res. 179, concerning human rights violations in Cuba and calling for the immediate release of all political prisoners and free elections; and
- (8) H.R. 1584, Clean Diamond Trade Act.

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