

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2658, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9001–S9059*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1370–1378. **Page S9049**

**Patients First Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 11, to protect patients' access to quality and affordable health care by reducing the effects of excessive liability costs. **Pages S9001–09, S9010–43**

Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill to occur at 11:30 a.m. **Page S9059**

**Medical Malpractice/Nominations/State Department Authorization—Agreements:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, Senate continue consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 11, Patients First Act, and that the time until 11:30 a.m., be equally divided between the Majority Leader and the Democratic Leader or their designees; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 11; that following that vote, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Victor J. Wolski, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims; that the Senate then proceed en bloc to the nominations of Mary Ellen Coster Williams, of Maryland, Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, and Charles F. Lettow, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and the nominations then be confirmed; further, Senate will then proceed to consideration of S. 925, State Department Authorization Bill. **Page S9009**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. EX. 263), David G. Campbell, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. **Page S9059**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Daniel J. Bryant, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force. **Page S9059**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—263) **Page S9010**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 9, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9059.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of