

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11051–S11132

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1582–1583. **Page S11118**

Measures Reported:

S. 1583, 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, 2004. (S. Rept. No. 108–142)

S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims. **Page S11117**

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S11052–62, S11065–95, S11100–07

Adopted:

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 1557 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide for a GAO study and report on the propagation of concierge care.

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DeWine Modified Amendment No. 1555 (to Amendment No. 1542), to express the sense of the Senate concerning the Pediatric Research Initiative.

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Pending:

Specter Amendment No. 1542, in the nature of a substitute.

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Byrd Amendment No. 1543 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for education for the disadvantaged.

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Akaka Amendment No. 1544 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funding for the Excellence in Economic Education Act of 2001.

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Mikulski Amendment No. 1552 (to Amendment No. 1542), to increase funding for programs under the Nurse Reinvestment Act and other nursing workforce development programs.

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Kohl Amendment No. 1558 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for the ombudsman program for the protection of vulnerable older Americans. **Pages S11056–57**

Kennedy Amendment No. 1566 (to Amendment No. 1542), to increase student financial aid by an amount that matches the increase in low- and middle-income family college costs. **Pages S11069–77**

Dodd Amendment No. 1572 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for grants to States under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S11081–86**

Harkin Amendment No. 1575 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding for the Fund for the Improvement of Education.

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DeWine Amendment No. 1561 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funds to support graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals.

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DeWine Amendment No. 1560 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funds to support poison control centers.

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DeWine Amendment No. 1578 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funding for the Underground Railroad Education and Cultural Program.

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Clinton Amendment No. 1565 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide additional funding to ensure an adequate bioterrorism preparedness workforce.

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During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 325), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Murray Amendment No. 1559 (to Amendment No. 1542), to restore funding for certain programs under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would exceed discretionary spending limits and thus be in violation of section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Pages S11057–62, S11077**

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 326), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Daschle Amendment No. 1568 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide funding for rural education. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would exceed discretionary spending limits and thus be in violation of section 504 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls. **Pages S11094–95**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 5, 2003, Senate vote on or in relation to Clinton Amendment No. 1565 (to Amendment No. 1542) (listed-above), to be followed by a vote on or in relation to Harkin Amendment No. 1575 (to Amendment No. 1542). **Pages S11124–25**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 5, 2003. **Pages S11124–25**

Energy Policy Act—Conferees: Pursuant to the order of the Senate of July 31, 2003, regarding H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, the Chair announced the appointment of the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Domenici, Nickles, Craig, Campbell, Thomas, Grassley, Lott, Bingaman, Dorgan, Graham (FL), Wyden, Johnson, and Baucus. **Page S11109**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 94 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. Ex. 327), Steven M. Colloton, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. **Pages S11095–96**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps. **Pages S11125–31**

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

Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, which was sent to the Senate on January 7, 2003.

Kerry N. Weems, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, which was sent to the Senate on July 22, 2003. **Page S11132**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—327) **Pages S11077, S11094–95, S11095–96**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:20 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Friday, September 5, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11125.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004;

An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004;

An original bill (S. 1583) 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, 2004; and

An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies, Department of the Treasury, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

TANKER AIRCRAFT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the proposed lease of 100 KC-767 aerial refueling tanker aircraft by the U.S. Air Force, after receiving testimony from James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force; Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; Joel Kaplan, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget; Neal P. Curtin, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, General Accounting Office; Robert

Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis, Congressional Budget Office; and J. Richard Nelson, Assistant Director, Cost Analysis and Research Division, Institute for Defense Analyses.

NEW KIND OF SCIENCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space concluded hearings to examine certain scientific and technical implications of a new kind of science relative to the exploration of the computational world, after receiving testimony from Stephen Wolfram, Wolfram Research Inc., Champaign, Illinois, author of *A New Kind of Science*.

DOE POLYGRAPH PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Department of Energy's current efforts and intentions regarding a new polygraph examination policy, after receiving testimony from Kyle E. McSlarrow, Deputy Secretary of Energy; and Stephen E. Fienberg, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Research Council Committee to Review the Scientific Evidence on the Polygraph.

U.S.-CUBAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine economic relations between the United States and Cuba, focusing on the embargo, travel, trade and investment, agricultural sales, communications, small enterprise, terrorism, and human rights, after receiving testimony from Alan P. Larson, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs; Grant D. Aldonas, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Dennis K. Hays, Cuban American National Foundation, Wayne S. Smith, Center for International Policy, Mark Falcoff, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, and William A. Reinsch, on behalf of the National Foreign Trade Council and USA*Engage, all of Washington, D.C.; Richard Owen, Cenex Harvest States Cooperatives, Geraldine, Montana; William A. Messina, Jr., University of Florida Department of Food and Resource Econom-

ics, Gainesville; and Philip Peters, Lexington Institute, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims; and

The nominations of Larry Alan Burns, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Glen E. Conrad, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, Henry F. Floyd, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Kim R. Gibson, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Michael W. Mosman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Dana Makoto Sabraw, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights concluded hearings to examine what is needed to defend the bipartisan Defense of Marriage Act of 1996 (DOMA), focusing on marriage issues including family structure, legal trends and direct challenges to the constitutionality of DOMA, the Constitution's Full Faith and Credit Clause, and federalism, after receiving testimony from Reverend Ray Hammond, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Boston, Massachusetts; Maggie Gallagher, Institute for Marriage and Public Policy, New York, New York; Gregory S. Coleman, Weil, Gotshal, and Manges, Austin, Texas, former Texas State Solicitor General; Michael P. Farris, Patrick Henry College, Purcellville, Virginia; Dale Carpenter, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis; and Keith A. Bradkowski, San Francisco, California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 2999–3015; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 271–273 and H. Res. 355, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2040, to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska (H. Rept. 108–259);

H.R. 2655, to amend and extend the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998 (H. Rept. 108–260, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1813, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture (H. Rept. 108–261, Pt. 1);

H.J. Res. 63, to approve the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia,” and the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands,” and otherwise to amend Public Law 99–239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99–239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023, amended (H. Rept. 108–262, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 2622, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, amended, (H. Rept. 108–263).

Pages H7947–48

Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations: The House completed general debate and began consideration of amendments for H.R. 2989, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Consideration will resume on Tuesday, September 9.

Pages H7851–H7922

Agreed to:

Istook amendment that decreases the amount that the FAA can take from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund for FAA general operating costs;

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Lewis amendment that increases funding for the Office of Intelligence and Security; **Page H7878**

LoBiondo amendment, No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that increases funding for the FAA’s facilities and equipment program; **Pages H7878–79**

Petri amendment to strike section 114 of the bill that eliminates funding for the Transportation Enhancements Program (agreed to by a recorded vote of 327 ayes to 90 noes, Roll No. 469);

Pages H7870–78, H7891

Hooley amendment, No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that increases funding for the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study on driver’s license security against identity theft (agreed to by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 472); and **Pages H7885, H7893**

Farr amendment expressing the sense of Congress with respect to locality pay. **Page H7920**

Rejected:

Tancredo amendment, No. 25 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that would have increased funding for the Federal-Aid Highway program and reduced funding for Amtrak (rejected by a recorded vote of 90 ayes to 322 noes, Roll No. 470); **Pages H7869–82, H7891–92**

Hastings of Florida amendment, No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that would have increased funding for election reform grants to states (rejected by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 471);

Pages H7882–83, H7892–93

Kennedy of Minnesota amendment that would have increased funding for the Tax Counseling for the Elderly program, the Office of Foreign Assets Control, and for the Office of National Drug Control Policy (rejected by a recorded vote of 89 yeas to 325 nays, Roll No. 473); **Pages H7885–87, H7893–94**

Jackson-Lee amendment that strikes section 163 concerning the prohibition of funds to be used for a light rail system in Houston (rejected by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 474; and **Pages H7894–99, H7921**

Cooper amendment to increase funding for the Earned Income Tax Credit and for other IRS compliance initiatives (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 475). **Pages H7913–18, H7921–22**

Withdrawn:

Hoyer amendment, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that would have increased funding for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation;

Pages H7869–70

Quinn amendment, No 16 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that would have increased funding for Amtrak and reduced funds for all Treasury Department programs by 4%;

Pages H7883–84

Holt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that would have increased funding for the use of alternative multi-passenger vehicles in Yellowstone National Park; and

Pages H7887–88

Kaptur amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that would have preserved funding for the Help America Vote Act. **Pages H7919–20**

Point of order sustained against:

The section under Federal Aviation Administration dealing with Payments to Air Carriers;

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The section of Title I concerning Grants-In-Aid for Airports;

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Section 105 dealing with the authority of the FAA Administrator to accept and use funds for certain airport projects;

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The section on Federal-Aid Highways that rescinds funding under certain sections of the Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act of 1997;

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Section 110 dealing with general provisions of the Federal Highway Administration;

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Section 111 concerning the Secretary of Transportation's authority to transfer certain funds;

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Provisions of Sec. 118 stating that the Secretary of Transportation's authority to revise a loan agreement shall be allowed under certain sections of the U.S. Code;

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The words "Notwithstanding any other provision of law" at the beginning of the section dealing with the National Motor Carrier Safety Program;

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The section of the National Motor Carrier Safety Program concerning the funding of the Border Enforcement Program's Highway Trust Fund;

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Section 130 concerning the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration;

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The words "Notwithstanding any other provision of law" at the beginning of the section dealing with funding for Highway Traffic Safety Grants;

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The provision of Section 140 concerning programs to increase the use of seat belts and the effectiveness of alcohol-impaired driving programs;

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Provision under the section dealing with funding for formula grants for the Federal Transit Administration under section 49 of the U.S. Code;

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Section under the Federal Transit Administration dealing with Transit Planning and Research;

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The words "Notwithstanding any other provision of law" at the beginning of the section under the Federal Transit Administration dealing with Trust Fund Share of Expenses;

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The words "Notwithstanding section 3037(1)(3) of Public Law 105–178"; at the beginning of the section dealing with Job Access and Reverse Commute Grants;

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Waters amendment, No. 26 printed in the Congressional Record of September 3, that would have ordered a review by the Secretary of Homeland Security of the proposed construction of a remote passenger check-in facility at Los Angeles International Airport;

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Olver amendment that would have increased funding for Amtrak;

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Section 164 concerning the Buy America Act;

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Section 212 concerning Prohibition on Contracts with Corporate Expatriates;

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Section 621 concerning the Buy America Act; and

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The words "Notwithstanding any other provision of law" at the beginning of section 631 and the prohibition on acquiring foreign products under the Trade Agreements Act of 1979.

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Agreed to the unanimous consent request made by Representative Istook to limit the amendments offered to the bill.

Pages H7899–H7900

H. Res. 351, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 464. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 463 and to table a motion to reconsider the vote on adoption of the rule by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 465.

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Motions to Rise: The House rejected a motion by Representative Obey that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 100 ayes to 298 noes, Roll No. 466, and later rejected another motion offered by Representative Obey that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 89 ayes to 302 noes with one voting "present", Roll No. 467. Rejected a third such motion by a recorded vote of 87 ayes to 305 noes, with one voting "present", Roll No. 468.

Pages H7853, H7855, H7856–57

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motions to Instruct Conferees: Representative Ruppertsberger announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act. The House debated Representative Cooper's motion, noted on September 3, to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308. Further proceedings on the Cooper motion will be postponed until Friday, September 3.

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Energy Policy Act of 2003: The House agreed to Representative Tauzin's motion for unanimous consent to disagree with the Senate amendment to H.R. 6. Subsequently, Representative Dingell offered a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6 to resolve by September 12, 2003, the differences between the House and Senate regarding the electric reliability provisions contained in the House bill (section 16031 of the House bill) and the corresponding provisions contained in the Senate amendment (section 206 of the Senate amendment), and the motion was debated. Further proceedings on the motion will be postponed until Friday, September 5. Pages H7922-30

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7899.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7950.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INFORMATION ANALYSIS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection. Testimony was heard from Frank Libutti, Under Secretary, Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK UPDATE

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Update of the Budget and Economic Outlook. Testimony was heard from Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO.

STRENGTHENING PENSION SECURITY AND DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on "Strengthening Pension Security and Defined Benefit Plans: Examining the Financial Health of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation." Testimony was heard from David Walker, Comptroller General,

GAO; and Steven A. Kandarian, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

"BLACKOUT 2003: HOW DID IT HAPPEN AND WHY"

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Concluded hearings entitled "Blackout 2003: How Did It Happen and Why?" Testimony was heard from William J. Museler, President and CEO, Independent System Operator, New York; James P. Torgerson, President and CEO, Independent System Operator, Midwest; David Goulding, CEO, The Independent Market Operator of Ontario, Canada; Gordon van Welie, CEO, Independent System Operator, New England; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Government Accountability: Efforts to Identify and Eliminate Waste and Mismanagement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Christopher Burnham, Assistant Secretary, Resource Management and Chief Financial Officer, Bureau of Resource Management; Anne M. Sigmund, Acting Inspector General; John Marshall, Assistant Administrator, Management and Chief Information Officer and Everett Mosley, Inspector General, both with AID; and Jess Ford, Director, Bureau of International Affairs and Trade, GAO.

OVERSIGHT—COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCES AND ANTITRUST ASPECTS OF BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on "Competition in College Athletic Conferences and Antitrust Aspects of the Bowl Championship Series." Testimony was heard from Scott Cowen, Chairman, Presidential Coalition for Athletics Reform; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INTERNET DOMAIN NAME FRAUD

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on "Internet Domain Name Fraud—the U.S. Government's Role in Ensuring Public Access to Accurate Whois Data." Testimony was heard from James E. Farnan, Deputy Assistant Director, Cyber Crime Division, FBI, Department of Justice; Theodore W. Kassinger, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported, as amended, H.J. Res. 63, Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003.

COLUMBIA ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BOARD REPORT

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on “The Columbia Accident Investigation Board Report.” Testimony was heard from Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr., USN (Ret.), Chairman, Columbia Accident Investigation Board.

ECONOMIC GROWTH—RURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing to discuss attracting economic growth for the rural economy and whether the federal government is adequately supporting a policy of growth in the rural portions of the country. Testimony was heard from Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; David A. Sampson, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce; Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Mark R. Drabenscott, Vice President and Director, Center for the Study of Rural America, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Federal Reserve System; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—RECENT COUNTERTERRORISM SUCCESS: HAMBALI

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met

in executive session to receive a briefing on Recent Counterterrorism Success: Hambali. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

POWER BLACKOUTS IMPLICATIONS—NATION'S CYBERSECURITY AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and Development and the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security held a joint hearing entitled “Implications of Power Blackouts for the Nation's Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection: The Electric Grid, Critical Interdependencies, Vulnerabilities, and Readiness.” Testimony was heard from Cofer Black, Coordinator, Counterterrorism, Department of State; Larry A. Mefford, Executive Assistant Director, Counterterrorism, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue September 17.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment situation for August, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:15 a.m., Friday, September 5

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, September 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, with a vote to occur at 9:30 a.m. on Clinton Amendment No. 1565 (to Amendment No. 1542), followed by a vote on Harkin Amendment No. 1575 (to Amendment No. 1542).

House Chamber

Program for Friday:

Further proceedings on Dingell motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6.

Further proceedings on Cooper motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308.

Consideration of H.R. 2765, District of Columbia Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (unanimous consent agreement).

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