

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 1538, True American Heroes Act of 2003.

The House passed H.R. 911, to authorize the establishment of a memorial to victims who died as a result of terrorist acts against the United States or its people, at home or abroad, by a voice vote.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11365–S11427*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1607–1613, S. Res. 224, and S. Con. Res. 67. **Page S11416**

#### Measures Passed:

*September 11, 2001 Anniversary:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 224, expressing the sense of the Senate on the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001. **Pages S11365–80**

*Federal Annuity Adjustments:* Senate passed H.R. 978, to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percentage point relating to periods of receiving disability payments, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11424**

**FCC Media Ownership:** Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 17, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership. **Pages S11383–S11402**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 16, 2003, with 60 minutes of debate remaining, the resolution be read a third time, and a vote on final passage to occur thereon. **Page S11427**

**Energy and Water Development Appropriations:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. **Pages S11402–06**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, at 2:30, on Monday, September 15, 2003. **Page S11427**

**Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the September 10, 2003 passage 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, Senate agree to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11426–27**

Frist (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1649 (to Amendment No. 1542), to provide the Director of the National Institutes of Health with the authority to carry out the NIH Roadmap to provide for rapid advances in the biomedical research process. **Pages S11426–27**

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

Christopher A. Wray, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S11427**

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 8:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, September 15, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11427.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on lessons learned regarding Operation Iraqi Freedom from Brigadier General Robert Cone, USA, Director, Operation Iraqi Freedom Joint Lessons Learned Collection Team; Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command; and General Gary Luck, USA (Retired), former Commander, U.S. Forces-Korea, Senior Advisor to the U.S. Joint Forces Command.

### PUBLIC LANDS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 849, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership, S. 511, to provide permanent funding for the Payment In Lieu of Taxes program, S. 432, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct and support research into alternative treatments for timber produced from public lands and lands withdrawn from the public domain for the National Forest System, and S.1582, to amend the Valles Preservation Act to improve the preservation of the Valles Caldera, after receiving testimony from Senator McCain; Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the

Environment; Chris Kearney, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy Management and Budget; Dennis Well, City Manager, Williams, Arizona; Tony Gioia, Council Member, Camp Verde, Arizona; Harry Mendoza, McKinley County Commissioner, Gallup, New Mexico; and Jeffrey R. Ellis, Chemicals and Plastics Technology, Plantation, Florida.

### U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S.-China relations, focusing on China's rise in prominence in a geostrategic, political, commercial, cultural influence, human rights violations, Chinese military capability, and the state of China's economy, after receiving testimony from James A. Kelly, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Nicholas R. Lardy, Institute for International Economics, T. Kumar, Amnesty International USA, Harold Brown, and Kurt M. Campbell, each of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

### VA ENHANCED SERVICES INITIATIVE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs' Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Initiative, the effort to develop a roadmap relative to the allocation of capital resources within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), including developing market plans to address planning initiatives and space requirements, realignments and consolidations, after receiving testimony from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary, Robert H. Roswell, Under Secretary for Health, Everett Alvarez, Jr., Chairman, Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services Commission, and Jay Halpern, Acting Director of the National CARES Program Office, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 3075–3083; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 278, were introduced. **Page H8216**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8216–17**

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

S. 111, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the na-

tional significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park, (H. Rept. 108–268); and

H.R. 1006, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wild-life species, amended, (H. Rept. 108–269).

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence during the morning prayer offered by the House Chaplain, Reverend Daniel Coughlin.

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**True American Heroes Act of 2003:** The House passed H.R. 1538, to posthumously award congressional gold medals to government workers and others who responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and perished and to people aboard United Airlines Flight 93 who helped resist the hijackers and caused the plane to crash, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Spirit of America, recognizing the tragic events of September 11, 2001, by voice vote.

Pages H8201–07

The House agreed to consider the bill under unanimous consent on September 10.

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**Establishment of a National Memorial for Victims of Terrorist Attacks:** The House passed H.R. 911, to authorize the establishment of a memorial to victims who died as a result of terrorist acts against the United States or its people, at home or abroad, by a voice vote.

Pages H8207–12

Pursuant to the unanimous consent agreement, the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Pombo, now printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and was agreed to by a voice vote.

Pages H8207

The House agreed to consider the bill under unanimous consent on September 10.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:44 a.m. and reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, and further that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16 for morning hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 17.

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**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 am. and adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing on H.R. 3039, Expanding Opportunities in Higher Education Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### E-911 IMPLEMENTATION ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on H.R. 2898, E-911 Implementation Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from John B. Muleta, Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications, FCC; Anthony Haynes, Executive Director, Emergency Communications Board, Department of Commerce and Insurance, State of Tennessee; Tim Berry, Treasurer, State of Indiana; and a public witness.

### OVERSIGHT—SS TOTALIZATION AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on “Should There Be a Social Security Totalization Agreement with Mexico?” Testimony was heard from Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA; Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 268, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the imposition of sanctions on nations that are undermining the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for Atlantic highly migratory species, including marlin, adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and that are threatening the continued viability of United States commercial and recreational fisheries. Testimony was heard from John H. Dunnigan, Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; David A. Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Fisheries, Department of State; and the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: John Considine, Director, Cargo Verification Division, Trade Compliance and Facilitation, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection; and Rear Adm. Jeffrey J. Hathaway, USCG, Director, Coast Guard Operations Policy, U.S. Coast Guard.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

*Committee on Government,* to consider the following measures: H. Con. Res. 71, recognizing the importance

of Ralph Bunche as one of the great leaders of the United States, the first African-American Nobel Peace Prize winner, an accomplished scholar, a distinguished diplomat, and a tireless campaigner of civil rights for people throughout the world; H. Con. Res. 262, expressing the sense of the Congress in support of the National Anthem "SingAmerica" project; H. Res. 262, supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; H. Res. 306, congratulating the New York Yankees on the occasion of their 100th anniversary; H. Res. 352, remembering and honoring the March on Washington of August 28, 1963; H.R. 1882, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the Arthur "Pappy" Kennedy Post Office; H.R. 1883, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office;" and H.R. 2452, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 339 Hicksville Road in Bethpage, New York, as the "Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building;" followed by a hearing entitled "Black Men and Boys in the District of Columbia and their Impact on the Future of the Black Family," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 15 through September 20,  
2003

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2754, Energy and Water Development Appropriations. Also, pursuant to the order of July 30, 2003, Senate will debate a motion to go to conference on S. 3, Partial Birth Abortion Ban.

On *Tuesday*, at 9:30 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 17, FCC Media Ownership, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and certain nominations, when available.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* September 16, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Harvey S. Rosen, of New Jersey, and Kristin J. Forbes, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement, and Peter Lichtenbaum, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, 10 a.m., SD-538.

September 16, Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine financial reconstruction in Iraq, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* September 17, to hold hearings to examine digital right management and privacy issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

September 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gwendolyn Brown, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Karen K. Bhatia, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

September 18, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine railroad shipper issues and S. 919, to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance competition among and between rail carriers in order to ensure efficient rail service and reasonable rail rates, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* September 17, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

September 18, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 213, to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, S. 1236, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to control or eradicate tamarisk in the western States, S. 1516, to further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to assess potential increases in water availability for Bureau of Reclamation projects and other uses through control of salt cedar and Russian olive, H.R. 856, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and H.R. 961, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* September 16, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Clean Water Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

September 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* September 17, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine West Africa and Latin America in relation to U.S. Energy Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* September 15, Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine defined benefit pension plans and the Pension Benefits Guaranty Corporation, focusing on specific changes that may be required within the current pension system to help ensure the financial stability of companies with underfunded pension liabilities, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

September 16, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the future of the GAO; to be immediately followed by a hearing to consider the nomination of C. Suzanne Mencer, of Colorado, to be the Director of the Office for Domestic Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

September 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine what can be done to ensure the future viability of the U.S. Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* September 18, Subcommittee on Aging, to hold hearings to examine financial abuse of the elderly, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* September 17, to hold hearings to examine S. 420, to provide for the acknowledgment of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, 10 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* September 16, with the Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold joint hearings to examine the continuity of the United States government in relation to the Presidency, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

September 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the importance of the H-1 visa to the American economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

September 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Margaret Catharine Rodgers, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Roger W. Titus, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, George W. Miller, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and David W. McKeague, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine effective federal, state, and local law enforcement strategies to combat gang violence in America, 2 p.m., SD-226.

September 18, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, to hold hearings to examine state and local law enforcement of immigration laws in relation to stopping terrorism, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* September 16, with the Committee on the Judiciary, to hold joint hearings to examine the continuity of the United States government in relation to the Presidency, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* September 16, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to receive the legislative presentation of The American Legion, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* September 18, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Chamber

To be announced.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* September 18, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management,

hearing to review crop insurance for specialty crop producers, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* September 18, hearing on United States Policy and operations in Iraq, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* September 17, Subcommittee on Select Education, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3076, Graduate Opportunities in Higher Education Act; and H.R. 3077, International Studies in Higher Education Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 2731, Occupational Safety and Health Small Employer Access to Justice Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* September 17, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on the International Consumer Protection Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* September 17, hearing entitled "Accounting under Sarbanes-Oxley: Are financial statements more reliable?" 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 18, hearing on the following: H.R. 2575, Secondary Mortgage Market Enterprises Regulatory Improvement Act; and the Administration's proposals on GSE regulation, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* September 16, hearing on "Holocaust Era Insurance Restitution after *AIA v. Garamedi*: Where Do We Go From Here?", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 16, Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "A Medicare Prescription Drug Safety Net: Creating a Target Benefit for Low-Income Seniors," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, oversight hearing titled "Human Capital Planning: Exploring the National Commission on the Public Service's Recommendations for Reorganizing the Federal Government," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Implementation of National Supply Reduction Strategy," 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing titled "Exploring Common Criteria: Can It Ensure That the Federal Government Gets Needed Security in Software?", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 18, full Committee, hearing titled "What Happened to GPRA? A Retrospective Look At Government Performance and Results," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, executive, hearing titled "Security of Industrial Control Systems in Our Nation's Critical Infrastructure," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration,* September 18, hearing on H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations,* September 16, Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on

Syria: Implications for U.S. Security and Regional Stability—Part I, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 18, full Committee, hearing on United States Policy in Afghanistan: Current Issues in Reconstruction—Part II, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Liberia, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on Turkey's Future Direction and U.S.-Turkey Relations, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing on Human Rights in Burma: Fifteen Years Post Military Coup, 12:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, September 16, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 280, National Aviation Heritage Area Act; H.R. 646, Fort Donelson National Battlefield Act of 2003; H.R. 1594, St. Croix National Heritage Area Study Act; H.R. 1618, Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Act; and H.R. 1862, Oil Region National Heritage Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 17, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on "Environmental Aspects of Modern Oil and Gas Development," 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 17, Subcommittee on Forests and Forests Health, oversight hearing on the Forest Service Recreation Fee Demonstration Program, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 18, full Committee, to hold a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1899, Cape Fox Land Entitlement Adjustment Act of 2003; and H.R. 2010, to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business*, September 17, hearing on small business success stories, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, September 16, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on Emergency Preparedness Issues, including Reauthorization of the Pre-disaster Mitigation Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Contributions of Ports and Inland Waterways to the Nation's Intermodal Transportation System, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 18, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on the DOT Inspector General's September 4th Report on the Safety of the FAA's Contract Tower Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, September 18, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the SSA's Management of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Select Committee on Homeland Security*. September 16, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and Development, hearing entitled "The Invisible Battleground: What the Department of Homeland Security is Doing to Make America's Cyberspace More Secure," 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 17, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security, to continue joint hearings entitled "Implications of Power Blackouts for the Nation's Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection: The Electric Grid, Critical Interdependencies, Vulnerabilities, and Readiness," 3 p.m., HC-5 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Meetings*: September 16, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to receive the legislative presentation of The American Legion, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

1 p.m., Monday, September 15

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Monday, September 15

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2754, Energy and Water Development Appropriations. Also, pursuant to the order of July 30, 2003, Senate will debate a motion to go to conference on S. 3, Patial Birth Abortion Ban.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** To be announced.

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