

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Tuesday, October 14, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3250–3258; and; 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 295, were introduced. **Page H9281**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9282–83**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa (H. Rept. 108–102, Pt. 2);

H.R. 542, to repeal the reservation of mineral rights made by the United States when certain lands in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, were conveyed by Public Law 102–562 (H. Rept. 108–297);

H.R. 2055, to amend Public Law 89–366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore (H. Rept. 108–298);

H.R. 884, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326–A–1, 326–A–3, and 326–K, amended, (H. Rept. 108–299);

H.R. 2048, to extend the period for reimbursement under the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and to reauthorize the Yukon River Restoration and Enhancement Fund, amended, (H. Rept. 108–300);

H.R. 1521, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania, amended, (H. Rept. 108–301);

H.R. 3062, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue separately, for the same area, a lease for tar sand and a lease for oil and gas, (H. Rept. 108–302);

H.R. 2685, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize the Matching Grant Program for School Security (H. Rept. 108–303);

H.R. 2359, to extend the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification, amended, (H. Rept. 108–304, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 3159, to require Federal agencies to develop and implement plans to protect the security and privacy of government computer systems from the risks posed by peer-to-peer file sharing (H. Rept. 108–305). **Page H9281**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Aderholt to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9219**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H9220**

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

Amending the E-Government Act of 2002: H.R. 1303, amended, to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rulemaking authority of the Judicial Conference; **Pages H9221–23**

Condemning bigotry and violence against Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans: H. Res. 234, condemning bigotry and violence against Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans; **Pages H9223–28**

Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998: H.R. 2655, amended, to amend and extend the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program Act of 1998; **Pages H9228–31**

Awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Jackie Robinson: H.R. 1900, to award a congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson (posthumously), in recognition of his many contributions to the Nation, and to express the sense of the Congress that there should be a national day in recognition of Jackie Robinson; **Pages H9231–35**

FHA Multifamily Loan Limit Adjustment Act of 2003: H.R. 1985, amended, to amend the National Housing Act to increase the maximum mortgage amount limit for FHA-insured mortgages for multifamily housing located in high-cost areas; **Pages H9235–37**

Amending the U.S. Code: H.R. 3229, to amend title 44, United States Code, to transfer to the Public Printer the authority over the individuals responsible for preparing indexes of the Congressional Record; **Pages H9237–38**

Recognizing the Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry: H.J. Res. 52, recognizing the Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution in Baltimore, Maryland, as the official national museum of dentistry in the United States; **Pages H9238–41**

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Bulgaria: H. Res. 355, commemorating the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Bulgaria (a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote on agreeing to the resolution will be taken on Wednesday, October 8); **Pages H9241–43**

Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives in response to the murder of Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh: H. Res. 372, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives in response to the murder of Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh (a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote on agreeing to the resolution will be taken on Wednesday, October 8); **Pages H9243–44**

Commending the National Endowment for Democracy: H. Con. Res. 274, commending the National Endowment for Democracy for its contributions to democratic development around the world on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the National Endowment for Democracy by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 391 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 532; and **Pages H9244–45, H9248–49**

Congo Basin Forest Partnership Act of 2003: H.R. 2264, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 to carry out the Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) program. **Pages H9245–48**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:47 p.m. and reconvened at 6:34 p.m. **Page H9248**

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Bishop of New York motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003 by a yea-and-nay vote of 181 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 533. **Page H9249**

The House also rejected the Flake motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 161 yeas to 234 nays, Roll No. 534. **Page H9250**

Later Representative Schakowsky announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill. **Page H9252**

Order of Business—Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider the conference report to accompany H.R. 1474, that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived. **Page H9250**

Order of Business—Postpone proceedings on Wednesday, October 8: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Speaker be authorized to postpone further proceedings on any question postponed under clause 8(A)(2) of Rule 20 considered on Wednesday, October 8, 2003, until Wednesday, October 15, 2003. **Page H9250**

Order of Business—Pension Funding Equity Act of 2003: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider H.R. 3108, that the bill shall be considered as read for amendment; that the amendment in the nature of a substitute placed at the desk shall be considered as adopted; that all points of order against the bill, as amended, be waived; that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except one hour of debate, equally divided and controlled, and one motion to recommit, with or without instructions; and that the amendment placed at the desk shall be considered as read for the purposes of this unanimous consent request. **Pages H9250–51**

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Crowley announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act. **Page H9251**

Energy Policy Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Capps announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on 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. **Pages H9251–52**

Senate Message: Message from the Senate appears today on page H9219.

Senate Referrals: S. 1642 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and S. Con. Res 66 was ordered held at the desk. Page H9279

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled "Improving the Quality and Efficiency of Commodity Distribution to Federal Child Nutrition Programs," Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Eric M. Bost, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services; and A. J. Yates, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service; and public witnesses.

EMERGING THREATS: ASSESSING DOD CONTROL OF SURPLUS CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "Emerging Threats: Assessing DOD Control of Surplus Chemical and Biological Equipment and Material." Testimony was heard from Gregory Kutz, Financial Management and Assurance Team, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sheldon Young, Director, Readiness and Logistic Support Directorate, Office of Inspector General; Alan F. Estevez, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary (Supply Chain Integration); Frederick N. Baillie, Executive Director, Distribution and Reutilization Policy, Defense Logistics Agency; and Col. Patrick E. O'Donnell, USA, Commander, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Iraq: Reconstruction and Rehabilitation, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 1943, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Challenges Facing the Medicaid Program in the 21st Century," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the H.R. 2575, Secondary Mortgage Market Enterprises Regulatory Improvement Act, 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following bills: H.R. 3166, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 Old Tappan Road in Tappan, New York, as the "John G. Dow Post Office Building;" H.R. 3175, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Cleveland Avenue, NW in Canton, Ohio, as the "Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building;" H.R. 3185, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 38 Spring Street in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Hugh Gregg Post Office Building;" H.R. 2744, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 17th Street in Moline, Illinois, as the "David Bybee Post Office Building;" and S. 1591, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 48 South Broadway, Nyack, New York, as the "Edward O'Grady, Waverly Brown, Peter Paige Post Office Building;" and to hold a hearing on "Winning the Peace: Coalition Efforts to Restore Iraq," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "25th Anniversary of the Inspectors General Act—Where Do We Go From Here?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing on "The Environmental Impact of Mercury-Containing Dental Amalgams," 3 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled "The IT Roadmap: An Overview of Homeland Security's Enterprise Architecture," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up H.R. 1828, Syrian Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003, 11:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up H.R. 3214, Advancing Justice Through DNA Technology Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, oversight hearing on tribal self-governance issues, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3245, Commercial Space Act of 2003; H.R. 912, Charles 'Pete' Conrad Astronomy Awards Act; H.R. 1292, Remote Sensing Applications Act of 2003; and H.R. 2450, Human Space Flight Independent Investigation Commission Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, hearing on the August 14, 2003 Blackout: Effects on Small Business and Potential Solutions, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up H.R. 1585, to establish an office to oversee research compliance and assurance within the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on the Administration's National Intelligence Priorities, 10:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 2886, Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.