

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS:

Senate passed H.R. 2861, VA–HUD Appropriations Act, H.R. 2765, District of Columbia Appropriations Act, and agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2754, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act of 2003.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2754, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for FY 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14973–S15104

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1876–1888, S. Res. 267–268, and S. Con. Res. 82–83. **Page S15061**

Measures Reported:

S. 616, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the quantity of mercury in the environment by limiting the use of mercury fever thermometers and improving the collection and proper management of mercury. (S. Rept. No. 108–199)

S. 1561, to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. (S. Rept. No. 108–200) **Page S15060**

Measures Passed:

VA–HUD Appropriations Act: Senate passed H.R. 2861, 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, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S14993–S15021**

Adopted:

Bond (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 2199 (to Amendment No. 2150), to include an evaluation of the impact of a final rule promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency in a study conducted by the National Academy of Sciences. **Pages S14993–94**

Bond (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2200 (to Amendment No. 2150), to include provisions relating to designations of areas for PM2.5 national ambient air quality standards. **Page S14994**

Dayton/Coleman Modified Amendment No. 2193 (to Amendment No. 2150), to fully fund the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building. **Pages S14994–95**

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 2150, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S14993, S15001**

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 Bond, Burns, Shelby, Craig, Domenici, DeWine, Hutchison, Stevens, Mikulski, Leahy, Harkin, Byrd, Johnson, Reid, and Inouye. **Page S15021**

District of Columbia Appropriations Act: Senate passed H.R. 2765, 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, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S15021–29**

Adopted:

Bond (for DeWine) Amendment No. 2201 (to Amendment No. 1783), to make certain monetary modifications. **Page S15022**

DeWine/Landrieu Amendment No. 1783, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S15022**

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 DeWine, Hutchison, Brownback, Stevens, Landriau, Durbin, and Inouye.

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Regarding Death of Italian Citizens in Iraq: Senate agreed to S. Res. 268, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the deaths of 19 citizens of Italy in Iraq.

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21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act: Senate passed S. 189, to authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Frist (for Allen/Wyden) Amendment No. 2202, in the nature of a substitute.

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Tornado Shelters Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 23, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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David Bybee Post Office Building: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of 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 the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3379, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3210 East 10th Street in Bloomington, Indiana, as the “Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Richard D. Watkins Post Office Building: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of 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”, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Barbara B. Kennelly Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1415, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

141 Weston Street in Hartford, Connecticut, as the “Barbara B. Kennelly Post Office Building”.

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J.C. Lewis Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1671, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10701 Abercorn Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the “J.C. Lewis Post Office Building”.

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Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 1746, 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”.

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Energy and Water Development Appropriations Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, clearing the measure for the President.

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Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

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By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 454), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nomination Considered: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

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By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 455), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2003 National Money Laundering Strategy; to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–57)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 4 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 9 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.
- 6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Navy.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—455) **Pages S14992, S14993**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2003. (For Senate's Program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S15103).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SPACE ACQUISITION POLICIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine space acquisition policies and processes, focusing on the Commission to Assess National Security Space Management and Organization, the space industrial base, and improvements needed to optimize the growing investment in space exploration, after receiving testimony from Peter B. Teets, Under Secretary of the Air Force, and Director, National Reconnaissance Office; Lieutenant General Brian Arnold, USAF, Commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command; A. Thomas Young, Chairman, Defense Science Board/Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Joint Task Force on Acquisition of National Security Space Programs; and Robert E. Levin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, General Accounting Office.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael W. Wynne, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

MUTUAL FUND INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current

investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, focusing on investors' rights, the Risk Management Initiative, the Putnam settlement, disclosure proposals, and late trading and market timing, after receiving testimony from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; and Matthew P. Fink, Investment Company Institute, and Marc E. Lackritz, Securities Industry Association, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael D. Gallagher, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, Cheryl Feldman Halpern, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Elizabeth Courtney, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Kirk Van Tine, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, Robert L. Crandall, of Texas, Floyd Hall, of New Jersey, and Louis S. Thompson, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak), and certain nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 1209, to provide for the acquisition of property in Washington County, Utah, for implementation of a desert tortoise habitat conservation plan, H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, S. 1467, to establish the Rio Grande Outstanding Natural Area in the State of Colorado, S. 1167, to resolve the boundary conflicts in Barry and Stone Counties in the State of Missouri, and S. 1848, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the Bend Pine Nursery Administration Site in the State of Oregon, after receiving testimony from Senator Bond; Tom Thompson, Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, Department of Agriculture; Jim Hughes, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Charlotte Bobicki, County Commission, Alamosa, Colorado; and Kate Booth Doyle, San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council, Del Norte, Colorado.