

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1889–1896, and S.J. Res. 25. **Page S15187**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 551, to provide for the implementation of air quality programs developed in accordance with an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 108–201)

S. 733, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for the United States Coast Guard, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–202)

S. 1218, to provide for Presidential support and coordination of interagency ocean science programs and development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research and monitoring program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–203) **Page S15186**

#### Measures Passed:

**Department of Veterans Affairs Long-Term Care and Personnel Authorities Enhancement Act:** Senate passed S. 1156, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance provision of health care for veterans, to authorize major construction projects and other facilities matters for the Department of Veterans Affairs, to enhance and improve authorities relating to the administration of personnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S15123–33**

Thomas (for Specter/Graham (FL)) Amendment No. 2203, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S15132**

Thomas (for Specter) Amendment No. 2204, to amend the title. **Pages S15132–33**

**Veterans Benefits Act:** Committee on Veterans Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2297, to amend title 38, United States Code,

to improve benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S15133–40**

Thomas (for Specter/Graham (FL)) Amendment No. 2205, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S15140**

**Presidential Medal of Honor:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 313, to urge the President, on behalf of the United States, to present the Presidential Medal of Freedom to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, in recognition of his significant, enduring, and historic contributions to the causes of freedom, human dignity, and peace and to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of His Holiness' inauguration of his ministry as Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pastor of the Catholic Church. **Page S15207**

**Small Business Act Authorization:** Senate passed S. 1895, to temporarily extend the programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through March 15, 2004. **Pages S15207–09**

**Mutual Defense Treaty Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 256, observing the 50th anniversary of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea, affirming the deep cooperation and friendship between the people of the United States and the people of the Republic of Korea, and thanking the Republic of Korea for its contributions to the global war on terrorism and to the stabilization and reconstruction of Afghanistan and Iraq. **Page S15209**

**Energy Policy Act—Conference Report:** Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the conference report to accompany 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, and then began consideration of the conference report. **Pages S15111–23, S15140–79**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, November 21, 2003. **Page S15179**

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

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Foreign Service nomination beginning with Robert Goldberg and ending with Robert Goldberg (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

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

J. Russell George, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury.

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**Messages From the House:** Page S15183

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2003. (For Senate's Program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S15210).

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### THE ARMY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded an open and closed hearing to examine current Army issues, including the Active, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard units, focusing on "Winning the Peace" in Iraq, the Global War on Terror, and the Rest and Recuperation (R&R) Leave Program, after receiving testimony from Les Brownlee, Acting

Secretary of the Army; and General Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to discuss certain pending nominations.

### AGROTERRORISM

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the threat of agroterrorism, focusing on strategies to secure the agricultural infrastructure, the Foreign Animal Disease and Plum Island Animal Disease Center, ensuring the safety and security of the Nation's food supply, industry guidance and preventive measures, vulnerability and threat assessments, Operation Liberty Shield, and emergency preparedness and response, after receiving testimony from Senator Talent; Penrose Albright, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology; Lester M. Crawford, Deputy Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Charles Lambert, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Thomas McGinn, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Raleigh; Colleen O'Keefe, Illinois Department of Agriculture, Springfield; and Peter Chalk, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

### NOMINATIONS:

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William James Haynes II, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Allen; Louis Guirola, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott; Virginia E. Hopkins, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, who was introduced by Senators Sessions and Shelby; and Kenneth M. Karas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 3519–3539; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 77–78; H. Con. Res., 329–331 and H. Res. 452–455, were introduced. **Pages H11650–51**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H11651–52**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows today: H.R. 2751, to provide new human capital flexibilities with respect to the GAO, amended (H. Rept. 108–380);

Conference report on H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 108–381);

H. Res. 449, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 108–382);

H. Res. 450, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 78, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004 (H. Rept. 108–383); and

H. Res. 451, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 108–384). **Pages H11649–50**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rabbi Dr. Ari Korenblit of Temple Sholom in Brooklyn, New York. **Page H11518**

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

**Captive Wildlife Safety Act:** Debated on Tuesday, November 18, H.R. 1006, amended, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 634; **Pages H11550–51**

**Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of motorsports:** Debated on Tuesday, November 18, H. Con. Res. 320, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of motorsports, by a ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 635; **Pages H11551–52**

**National Museum of African-American History and Culture Act:** Debated on Tuesday, November 18, H.R. 3491, to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of African Amer-

ican History and Culture, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 636; **Page H11552**

**Sense of Congress regarding the leadership of the Unified Buddhist Church in Vietnam:** H. Res. 427, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the courageous leadership of the Unified Buddhist Church of Vietnam and the urgent need for religious freedom and related human rights in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 639; **Pages H11520–24, H11573–74**

**Honoring the victims of the Cambodian genocide from April 1975 through January 1979:** H. Con. Res. 83, honoring the victims of the Cambodian genocide that took place from April 1975 to January 1979, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 640; **Pages H11524–27, H11573–74**

**Honoring Seeds of Peace:** H. Con. Res. 288, directing the Secretary of Transportation to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution all physical and electronic records and documents in his possession related to any use of Federal agency resources in any task or action involving or relating to Members of the Texas Legislature in the period beginning May 11, 2003, and ending May 16, 2003, except information the disclosure of which would harm the national security interests of the United States, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 641; **Pages H11527–29, H11593**

**Commending Afghan women:** H. Res. 393, amended, commending Afghan women for their participation in Afghan government and civil society, encouraging the inclusion of Afghan women in the political and economic life of Afghanistan, and advocating the protection of Afghan women’s human rights in the Afghanistan Constitution, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 642; **Pages H11529–33, H11593–94**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read, “a resolution commending Afghan women for their participation in Afghan government and civil society, encouraging the inclusion of Afghan women in the political and economic life of Afghanistan, and advocating the protection of the human rights of all Afghans, particularly women, in the Afghanistan Constitution”. **Page H11594**

**Mutual Funds Integrity and Fee Transparency Act of 2003:** H.R. 2420, amended, to improve transparency relating to the fees and costs that mutual

fund investors incur and to improve corporate governance of mutual funds, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 638;

**Pages H11533–47, H11572–73**

*Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2003:* H.R. 1813, amended, 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;

**Pages H11547–50**

*Overseas Private Investment Corporation Amendments Act of 2003:* S. 1824, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation—clearing the measure for the President;

**Pages H11553–57**

*Recognizing the 5th Anniversary of the signing of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998:* H. Res. 423, amended, recognizing the 5th anniversary of the signing of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 and urging a renewed commitment to eliminating violations of the internationally recognized right to freedom of religion and protecting fundamental human rights, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 1 nays, Roll No. 643;

**Pages H11557–61, H11594–95**

*Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act:* H.R. 3140, amended, to provide for availability of contact lens prescriptions to patients, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 12 nay, Roll No. 644;

**Pages H11561–65, H11595**

*Amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act:* H.R. 2218, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of noncorrective contact lens as medical devices;

**Pages H11565–67**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices”

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*Pediatric Research Equity Act of 2003:* S. 650, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize the Food and Drug Administration to require certain research into drugs used in pediatric patients—clearing the measure for the President;

**Pages H11567–72**

*Supporting the goals of National Epilepsy Awareness Month:* S. Con. Res. 48, supporting the goals and ideals of “National Epilepsy Awareness Month” and urging support for epilepsy research and service programs;

**Pages H11580–82**

*Basic Pilot Program Extension and Expansion Act of 2003:* S. 1685, to extend and expand the

basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification—clearing the measure for the President;

**Pages H11582–86**

*Providing for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas:* S. 1720, to provide for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas—clearing the measure for the President;

**Pages H11586–89**

*Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Advancement Act of 2003:* H.R. 421, to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution; and

**Pages H11589–91**

*Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003:* S. 117, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida—clearing the measure for the President.

**Pages H11591–92**

**Suspensions Postponed:** The following measures were debated under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, November 20:

*Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act Amendments of 2003:* S. 686, amended, to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers; and

**Pages H11574–77**

*Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Prevention Act of 2003:* S. 286, to revise and extend the Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998;

**Pages H11577–80**

**Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House rejected the Berkley motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the medicare program and to strengthen and improve the medicare program, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 203 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 637.

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Later the House debated the Hooley of Oregon motion to instruct conferees on the bill. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed until a later date.

**Pages H11598–H11605**

Representative Inslee also announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct on the bill. **Page H11598**

**Two Floods and You Are Out of the Taxpayers' Pocket Act of 2003—Order of Business:** The House agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider H.R. 253, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made; that the bill shall be considered as read; that in lieu of the

amendment recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute and numbered one printed in the Congressional Record of November 19, shall be considered as adopted; that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of general debate, (2) a further amendment in the nature of a substitute, and (3) one motion to recommit with or without instruction; and further that the amendment placed at the desk be considered as read for the purposes of this unanimous consent request.

Pages H11595–98

**Transportation and Treasury Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** Representative Hastings of Florida announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2989, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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**Labor/HHS Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House debated the Kildee motion to instruct conferees on 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. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed until a later date.

Pages H11622–28

**Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H11518, H11567.

**Senate Referral:** S. 189 and S. 1156 were ordered held at the desk.

Pages H11518, H11567

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H11652–56.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on U.S. National Security Strategy. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations; and Samuel L. Berger, former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

### CYBERSECURITY AND CONSUMER DATA

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Cybersecurity and Consumer Data: What’s at Risk for the Consumer?” Testimony was

heard from Orson Swindle, Commissioner, FTC; and public witnesses.

### INVESTMENT IN TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on hearing entitled “Digital Dividends and Other Proposals to Leverage Investment in Technology.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION EFFICIENCY ACT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census approved for full Committee action H.R. 3478, National Archives and Records Administration Efficiency Act of 2003.

### CONTINUITY IN REPRESENTATION ACT

*Committee on House Administration:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2003.

### AFGHANISTAN: DEMOCRATIZATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights held a joint hearing on Afghanistan: Democratization and Human Rights on the Eve of the Constitutional *Loya Jirga*. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Ambassador-at-Large John V. Hanford III, Office of International Religious Freedom; and Christina B. Rocca, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South Asia Affairs; and public witnesses.

### ANTITRUST OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held an oversight hearing entitled “Saving the Savings Clause: Congressional Intent, the *Trinko* Case, and the role of the Antitrust Laws in Promoting Competition in the Telecom Sector.” Testimony was heard from R. Hewitt Pate, Assistant Antitrust General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### MEDICAL INFORMATION SHARING—DOD AND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review progress being made by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs with the sharing of medical information and development of a seamless electronic medical record. Testimony was heard from Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information

Management Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj Gen. Kenneth L. Farmer, Jr., M.D., USA, Deputy Surgeon General, USA; Jeanne B. Fites, Deputy Under Secretary (Program Integration); and James C. Reardon, Chief Information Officer, Military Health System; Frances M. Murphy, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health Policy Coordination, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

### VULNERABLE CHILDREN—IMPROVED MONITORING

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Improved Monitoring of Vulnerable Children. Testimony was heard from Representative DeLay; Cornelia Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

### OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, 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 Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices, for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies, and for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold a closed briefing from the CIA and DIA on assessment of the current situation in Iraq, 3 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 1531, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall, and the nominations of Alicia R. Castaneda, of the District of Columbia, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, and Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; to be immediately followed by a hearing on improving the corporate governance of the NYSE, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine drug importation, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nominations of James M. Loy, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, and Scott J. Bloch, of Kansas, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine the role of professional organizations like accounting firms, law firms, and financial institutions in developing, marketing and implementing tax shelters, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to resume hearings to examine the August 2003 Northeast blackouts and the federal role in managing the nation's electricity, 10 a.m., SD-342.

### House

*Committee on Government Reform,* to consider the following: H.R. 3478, National Archives and Records Administration Efficiency Act of 2003, a report entitled "Efforts to Rightsize the U.S. Presence Abroad Lack Urgency and Momentum;" and a draft report entitled "Everything Secret Degenerates: The FBI's Use of Murderers as Informants;" followed by a hearing on Knives, Box Cutters and Bleach: A Review of Passenger Screener Training, Testing and Supervision, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "The Future Challenges of Autism: A Survey of the Ongoing Initiatives in the Federal Government to Address the Epidemic," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, hearing on 527 Organizations and Soft Money: Federal Elections in a Post-BCRA World, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on Human Rights Violations Under Saddam Hussein: Victims Speak Out, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on "Homeland Security—the Balance Between Crisis and Consequence Management through Training and Assistance," including discussion of the following bills: H.R. 2512, First Responders Funding Reform Act of 2003; H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2003; and H.R. 3158, Preparing America to Respond Effectively Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "Lowering the Cost of Doing Business in the United States: How to Keep Our Companies Here," 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Financing Port Infrastructure—Who Should Pay? 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Non-Profit Credit Counseling Organizations, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response, to mark up H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2003, 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 20

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, November 20

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Rolled votes on Suspensions:

S. 686, Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act Amendments of 2003; and

S. 286, Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Prevention Act of 2003.

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2417, Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2004.

Consideration of H.J. Res. 78, making further continuing appropriations for FY 2004.

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