

Presidential Message: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted the annual report of the Railroad Retirement Board—referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means. **Page H12878**

Message from the Clerk: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein he designated Gerasimos C. Vans, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do other acts under the name of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or if Mr. Vans is not available, then Mr. Daniel J. Strodel, Assistant to the Clerk or Ms. Marjorie C. Kelaher, Assistant to the Clerk should perform these duties. **Pages H12878–79**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H12758–59, H12759–60, H12765, H12766, H12845, and H12853–54. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and at 9:40 p.m., in accordance with the provisions of H. Con. Res. 339, the first session of the 108th Congress adjourned sine die.

Committee Meetings

CONFERENCE REPORT—CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2673, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representatives Obey and Andrews.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1337)

H.R. 1588, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. Signed on November 24, 2003. (Public Law 108–136).

H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Signed on December 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–137).

S. 1066, to correct a technical error from Unit T–07 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System. Signed on December 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–138).

S.J. Res. 18, commending the Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years. Signed on December 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–139).

S.J. Res. 22, recognizing the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture for 50 years of outstanding service to the Nation through agricultural research. Signed on December 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–140).

S. 1590, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service, located at 315 Empire Boulevard in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York, as the “James E. Davis Post Office Building”. Signed on December 1, 2003. (Public Law 108–141).

S. 254, to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii. Signed on December 2, 2003. (Public Law 108–142).

S. 867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wicks Lane in Billings, Montana, as the “Ronald Reagan Post Office Building”. Signed on December 2, 2003. (Public Law 108–143).

S. 1718, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the “Senator James B. Pearson Post Office”. Signed on December 2, 2003. (Public Law 108–144).

H.R. 3182, to reauthorize the adoption incentive payments program under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act. Signed on December 2, 2003. (Public Law 108–145).

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. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–146).

H.R. 1683, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2003, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–147).

H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the

landscape. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–148).

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”. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–149).

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”. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–150).

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”. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–151).

S. 117, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–152).

S. 189, to authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–153).

S. 286, to revise and extend the Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–154).

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. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–155).

S. 1685, to extend and expand the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–156).

S. 1720, to provide for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–157).

S. 1824, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. Signed on December 3, 2003. (Public Law 108–158).

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. Signed on December 4, 2003. (Public Law 108–159).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of April H. Foley, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Joseph Max Cleland, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the impact of shifting global economic forces on the federal government’s ability to negotiate, monitor and enforce trade agreements, 10 a.m., SD–342.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.