Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2231, Welfare Reform Extension Act.
Senate passed H.R. 3626, Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 393, Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2005.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3119–S3198

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2231–2240, and S. Res. 324.

Measures Passed:


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Unborn Victims of Violence Act: By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 63), Senate passed H.R. 1997, to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto, clearing the measure for the President:

Pages S3124–67

Rejected:

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 61), Feinstein Amendment No. 2858, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S3125–51

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 62), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 505 of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to Murray Amendment No. 2859, to provide for domestic violence prevention. Subsequently, the point of order, that the amendment would cause an increase in the deficit in excess of the levels permitted and thus be in violation of section 505 of H. Con. Res. 95 of the 108th Congress, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls.

Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:


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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the President's intent to enter into a free trade agreement with the Government of the Dominican Republic; to the Committee on Finance. (PM–74)

Pages S3178

Messages From the House:
Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Gale A. Norton, Secretary, and Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, both of the Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS: EPA
Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

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Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on national security space programs and management, after receiving testimony from Peter B. Teets, Under Secretary of the Air Force, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; Admiral James O. Ellis, Jr., USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command, U.S. Navy; General Lance W. Lord, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Command, U.S. Air Force; and Vice Admiral Arthur K. Cebrowski, USN (Ret.), Director, Office of Force Transformation, U.S. Navy.

FLOOD INSURANCE
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on certain measures to address repetitive loss properties, after receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Representatives Bereuter and Blumenauer; Anthony Lowe, Federal Insurance Administrator and Mitigation Division Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, General Accounting Office; William Stiglitz III, Hyland,
Block, Hyland Insurance, Louisville, Kentucky, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America and the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents; Steven M. Feldmann, The Fischer Group, Crestview Hills, Kentucky, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; Chad Berginnis, Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc., Columbus, Ohio; and Greg Kosse, Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, Louisville, on behalf of the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America.

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2005 for the Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Jennifer L. Dorn, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Timothy W. Martin, Illinois Department of Transportation, Springfield, on behalf of American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; and William Millar, American Public Transportation Association, Dale J. Marsico, Community Transportation Association of America, and Rolf Th. Lundberg, Jr., United States Chamber of Commerce, all of Washington, D.C.

CABLE RATES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine causes and potential solutions regarding escalating cable rates, after receiving testimony from Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Amy Abramowitz, Assistant Director, and Michael Clements, Senior Analyst, all of Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; James O. Robbins, Cox Communications, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; George Bodenheimer, ESPN, Inc. and ABC Sports, New York, New York; Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.; Marilyn Praisner, Montgomery County Council, Rockville, Maryland, on behalf of National Association of Counties and Telecommunity; and Rodger L. Johnson, Knology, Inc., West Point, Georgia, on behalf of Broadband Service Providers Association.

RURAL WATER SUPPLY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 1085, to provide for a Bureau of Reclamation program to assist states and local communities in evaluating and developing rural and small community water supply systems, S. 1732, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe, affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents, S. 2218, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States for the purpose of providing a clean, safe, affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents and for other purposes, to authorize the Secretary to conduct appraisal and feasibility studies for rural water projects, and to establish the guidelines for any projects authorized under this program, S. 1727, to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978, and S. 1791, to amend the Lease Lot Conveyance Act of 2002 to provide that the amounts received by the United States under that Act shall be deposited in the reclamation fund, after receiving testimony from John W. Keys III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Mike Keegan, National Rural Water Association, Duncan, Oklahoma; and David J. Koland, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Carrington, North Dakota.

UNITED STATES-AFRICA PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposed legislation to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to expand certain trade benefits to eligible sub-Saharan African countries, after receiving testimony from Alan P. Larson, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs; Florizelle B. Liser, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Africa; and Constance B. Newman, Assistant Administrator for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Miles T. Bivins, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Sweden, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn; Michael Christian Polt, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Serbia and Montenegro, Thomas Bolling Robertson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Slovenia, John M. Ordway, of California, to be Ambassador to Kazakhstan, and Earle I. Mack, of New York, to be Ambassador to Finland, who was introduced by Senators Schumer and Lautenberg, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HAZARD COMMUNICATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment, Safety, and Training concluded a hearing to examine hazard communication in the 21st Century workplace, focusing on
steps that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is taking to improve implementation of OSHA’s Hazard Communication Standard, after receiving testimony from John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health; Thomas G. Grumbles, American Industrial Hygiene Association, Fairfax, Virginia; Jon Hanson, Wyoming Medical Center, Casper; Anne Jackson, Pepperidge Farm, Denver, Pennsylvania, on behalf of American Bakers Association; Michele R. Sullivan, MRS Associates, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, on behalf of Society for Chemical Hazard Communications; and Michael J. Wright, United Steelworkers of America, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

COMMITTEE RECESS

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 4030–4048; 1 private bill, H.R. 4049; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 91; H. Con. Res. 396–399, and H. Res. 577–579, were introduced. Pages H1592–93

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages H1593–94

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

- H.R. 2523, to designate the United States courthouse located at 125 Bull Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the “Tomochichi United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 108–447);
- H.R. 2538, to designate the United States courthouse located at 400 North Miami Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the “Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 108–448);
- H.R. 3147, to designate the Federal building located at 324 Twenty-Fifth Street in Ogden, Utah, as the “James V. Hansen Federal Building”, amended (H. Rept. 108–449); and


- Rejected: Cummings amendment in the nature of a substitute (Congressional Black Caucus) printed in H. Rept. 108–446 that provides for $43.3 billion in additional spending and $5 billion for deficit reduction in FY 2005 (rejected by a recorded vote of 119 ayes to 302 noes, Roll No. 88); Pages H1499–H1508
- Stenholm amendment in the nature of a substitute (Blue Dog Coalition) printed in H. Rept. 108–446 that balances the budget by 2012 and cuts the deficit in half in the next two years (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 89); Pages H1508–22
- Hensarling amendment in the nature of a substitute (Republican Study Committee) printed in H. Rept. 108–446 that calls for more tax cuts and less discretionary spending and would cut the deficit in half in three years (rejected by a recorded vote of 116 ayes to 309 noes, Roll No. 90); and Pages H1522–34
- Spratt amendment in the nature of a substitute (Democratic substitute) printed in H. Rept. 108–446 that projects a balanced budget in FY 2012, with $1.5 trillion less public debt than the resolution (rejected by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 91). Pages H1535–53

- Agreed by unanimous consent to the modification of the amendment offered by Representative Spratt that is printed in H. Rept. 108–446. Page H1547
- H. Res. 574, the rule providing for further consideration of the concurrent resolution was agreed to by a voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 84. Pages H1547

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, March 24:

- Community Recognition Act of 2003: H.R. 3095, amended, to amend title 4, United States Code, to make sure the rules of etiquette for flying the flag of the United States do not preclude the flying of flags at half mast when ordered by city and
local officials, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 374 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 93;

**Bureau of Engraving and Printing Security Printing Act of 2004:** H.R. 3786, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to produce currency, postage stamps, and other security documents at the request of foreign governments on a reimbursable basis, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 85;

**District of Columbia and United States Territories Circulating Quarter Dollar Program Act:** H.R. 2993, to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to honor the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 86; and

**Authorizing the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank:** Agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 254, to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 87—clearing the measure for the President.

**Late Report:** Agreed that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure have until midnight on March 29 to file a report on H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs.

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Bell wherein he resigned from the Committee on International Relations, effective March 26.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 29 for Morning Hour debate.

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 31.

**Presidential Message:** Read a letter from the President wherein he notified Congress of his intention to enter into a free trade agreement with the Government of the Dominican Republic—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–178).

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1493 and H1566.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 2231 was referred to the Committees on Ways & Means and Energy & Commerce; S. 1218 was referred to the Committees on Science and Ways & Means.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H1492–93, H1493–94, H1494, H1494–95, H1508, H1521–22, H1534, H1552–53, H1565, and H1565–66. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

### Committee Meetings

**AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Rural Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Gilbert G. Gonzalez, Acting Under Secretary, Rural Development; Hilda Gay Legg, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service; Authur A. Garcia, Administrator, Rural Housing Service; John Rosso, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service; Luis Luna, Deputy Administrator, Community Development; and Dennis Kaplan, Budget Officer.

**COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on SBA. Testimony was heard from Hector Barreto, Administrator, SBA. The Subcommittee held a hearing on the U.S. Trade Representative. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Robert B. Zoellick, U.S. Trade Representative.

The Subcommittee held a hearing on the EEOC. Testimony was heard from Cari M. Dominguez, Chairwoman, EEOC.
ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development met in executive session to hold a hearing on the National Nuclear Security Administration. Testimony was heard from Linton F. Brooks, Under Secretary, Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Bureau of Customs and Border Protection. Testimony was heard from Robert Bonner, Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

The Committee also held a hearing on the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Testimony was heard from Eduardo Aguirre, Director, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the National Park Service. Testimony was heard from Fran Mainella, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Child Development Research and Programs. Testimony was heard from Grover J. Whitehurst, Director, Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education; and the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: G. Reid Lyon, Chief, Child Development and Behavior Branch, National Institutes of Health; and Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on European Command. Testimony was heard from GEN. James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and Commander, U.S. European Command

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Highway Safety Programs. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey W. Runge, Administrator, National Highway Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

2005 BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE PROCESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Process. Testimony was heard from Raymond F. DuBois, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of Defense; and Barry W. Holman, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST—MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Missile Defense Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency; LTG Larry J. Dodgen, USA, Commander, Space and Missile Defense Command; and Thomas P. Christie, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—NAVY AND AIR FORCE TACTICAL WEAPON ACQUISITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of the Navy and Department of the Air Force Tactical Weapon Acquisition Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Allen Li, Director, Acquisition Sourcing Management—(F/A–22); and Mike Sullivan, Director, Acquisition Sourcing Management—(Joint Strike Fighter (JSF)); and the following officials of the Department of Defense: John J. Young, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); VADM John B. Nathan, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Warfare Requirements and Programs (N7); and LTG Michael A. Hough, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps, all with the Department of the Navy; Marvin R. Sambur, Assistant Secretary (Acquisition) and LTG Ronald E. Keys, USAF, Deputy Chief of
Staff, Air and Space Operations, both with the Department of the Air Force.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—DOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of Defense Science and Technology Policy and Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ronald M. Sega, Director, Defense Research and Engineering; Anthony J. Teter, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; Thomas H. Killion, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Research and Technology, Department of the Army; RADM Jay M. Cohen, USN, Chief, Naval Research, Department of the Navy; and James B. Engle, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Science, Technology and Engineering), Department of the Air Force.

DOE’S YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT; ALTER NUCLEAR WASTE TRUST FUND


“NIH: RE-ENGINEERING CLINICAL RESEARCH”

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “NIH: Re-engineering Clinical Research.” Testimony was heard from Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM STATUS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on the state of the international financial system. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

D.C. COLLEGE ACCESS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Maintaining a Level Playing Field for D.C. Graduates: Legislation to Reauthorize the D.C. College Access Act.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony A. Williams, Mayor; Kelly Valentine, Acting Director, Tuition Assistance Grants Program; and Argelia Rodriguez, Executive Director, College Access Program; and public witnesses.

DEVELOPMENTS IN BURMA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights held a joint hearing on Developments in Burma. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Lorne Craner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Matthew P. Daley, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and public witnesses.

RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROPRIATE ROLE OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS IN THE INTERPRETATION OF AMERICAN LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H. Res. 568, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Judicial determinations regarding the meaning of the laws of the United States should not be based on judgments, laws, or pronouncements of foreign institutions unless such foreign judgments, laws, or pronouncements inform an understanding of the original meaning of the laws of the United States, and the Appropriate Role of Foreign Judgments in the Interpretation of American Law. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

“PROGRESS IN CONSOLIDATING TERRORISM WATCHLISTS—THE TERRORIST SCREENING CENTER”

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterorism of the Select Committee on Homeland Security held a joint oversight hearing entitled “Progress in Consolidating Terrorism Watchlists—The Terrorist Screening Center (TSC).” Testimony was heard from Donna A. Bucella, Director, Terrorist Screening Center (Administered by FBI); Charlie Bartoldus, Director, National Targeting Center, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; James W. McMahon, Director, Office of Public Security, State of New York; and a public witness.

MARINE TURTLE CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 3378, Marine Turtle Conservation Act of
2003. Testimony was heard from Marshall Jones, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Rebecca Lent, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1517, Land Reinvestment Act; H.R. 2663, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 3874, To convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bono and Graves; Robert Lamb, Special Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS ACT


SPIKE IN METAL PRICES

Committee on Small Business: Continued hearings entitled “Spike in Metal Prices—Part II.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a joint hearing on Ballast Water Management: New International Standards and National Invasive Species Act Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from RADM Thomas H. Gilmour, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

JOINT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM AND TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Joint Military Intelligence Program and Tactical Intelligence and Related Activities. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATED

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Intelligence Updated. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS' LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine legislative presentations of certain veterans’ organizations, after receiving testimony from S. John Sisler, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; F. Paul Dallas, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Arlington, Texas; Edward Chow, Jr., Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland; Colonel Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; and Joey Strickland, National Association of State Directors of Veterans’ Affairs, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Friday, March 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12:30 p.m., Monday, March 29

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.