

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 42 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9241–S9361

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2805–2811, S. Res. 426–429, and S. Con. Res. 137. **Pages S9286–87**

Measures Reported:

S. 2806, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. (S. Rept. No. 108–342)

H.R. 2912, to reaffirm the inherent sovereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government. (S. Rept. No. 108–343)

S. 2809, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. (S. Rept. No. 108–344)

S. 2810, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. (S. Rept. No. 108–345)

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Measures Passed:

Sudan Membership Suspension: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 137, calling for the suspension of Sudan's membership on the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. **Pages S9313–15**

Federal Trade Commission Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 1234, to reauthorize the Federal Trade Commission, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9316–21**

Frist (for McCain/Hollings/Smith) Amendment No. 3662, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9321**

Commending Maryland Olympic Athletes: Senate agreed to S. Res. 426, commending Maryland's

Olympians on their accomplishments at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

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National Historically Black College and Universities Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 422, expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week beginning September 12, 2004, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week", and the resolution was then agreed to.

Pages S9322–23

Fish Passage and Screening Facilities: Senate passed S. 1307, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to assist in the implementation of fish passage and screening facilities at non-Federal water projects, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation and Water Management Act: Senate passed S. 1355, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S9325–26

Alaska Native Allotment Subdivision Act: Senate passed S. 1421, to authorize the subdivision and dedication of restricted land owned by Alaska Natives, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Southwest Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention Act: Senate passed H.R. 2696, to establish Institutes to demonstrate and promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires, and restore the health of fire-adapted forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West, clearing the measure for the President.

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New Mexico Water Conservation Project: Senate passed S. 1071, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on a water conservation

project within the Arch Hurley Conservancy District in the State of New Mexico, after agreeing to a committee amendment. **Pages S9326–27**

Valles Caldera Preservation Act: Senate passed S. 1582, to amend the Valles Preservation Act to improve the preservation of the Valles Caldera, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9327–28**

Manhattan Project National Historical Study Act: Senate passed S. 1687, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9328–29**

Craig Recreation Land Purchase Act: Senate passed S. 1778, to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, Alaska, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9329–30**

Lease Lot Conveyance Amendments: Senate passed 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. **Page S9330**

Johnstown Flood National Memorial Boundary Adjustment Act: Senate passed 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, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9330**

Forest Counties Payments Committee: Senate passed H.R. 3249, to extend the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9330**

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests Land Exchange Act: Senate passed S. 2180, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9330–31**

Alaska Hydroelectric Project Extension: Senate passed S. 2243, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska. **Page S9332**

Carpinteria and Montecito Water Distribution Systems Conveyance Act: Senate passed H.R. 1648, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water

District and the Montecito Water District, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9332**

Williamson County Water Recycling Act: Senate passed H.R. 1732, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9332**

North Loup Irrigation Project: Senate passed H.R. 3209, to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9332**

National Aviation Heritage Area Act: Senate passed S. 180, to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9332–35**

Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area Act: Senate passed S. 211, to establish the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area in the State of New Mexico. **Pages S9335–36**

Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act: Senate passed S. 323, to establish the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, Louisiana, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9336–38**

Kate Mullany National Historic Act: Senate passed S. 1241, to establish the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in the State of New York, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9338–39**

Dam Safety Authorization: Senate passed S. 1727, to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9339–40**

U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Act: Senate passed S. 1957, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the States on the border with Mexico and other appropriate entities in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, and modeling program for priority transboundary aquifers, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9340–42**

Everglades Land Exchange: Senate passed S. 2046, to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9342**

Tapoco Project Licensing Act: Senate passed S. 2319, to authorize and facilitate hydroelectric power licensing of the Tapoco Project, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Wyoming Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 155, to convey to the town of Frannie, Wyoming, certain land withdrawn by the Commissioner of Reclamation, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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Rio Grande Outstanding Natural Area Act: Senate passed S. 1467, to establish the Rio Grande Natural Area in the State of Colorado, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Edward H. McDaniel American Legion Post No. 22 Land Conveyance Act: Senate passed S. 1521, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the Edward H. McDaniel American Legion Post No. 22 in Pahrump, Nevada, for the construction of a post building and memorial park for use by the American Legion, other veterans' groups, and the local community, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act: Senate passed H.R. 1658, to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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Big Horn Bentonite Act: Senate passed S. 203, to provide for the sale of bentonite in Big Horn County, Wyoming, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Federal Land Recreational Visitor Protection Act: Senate passed S. 931, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to undertake a program to reduce the risks from and mitigate the effects of avalanches on recreational users of public land, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Act: Senate passed S. 2052, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Lewis and Clark National Historical Park Act: Senate passed S. 2167, to establish the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park in the States of

Washington and Oregon, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Trust Act: Senate passed S. 2173, to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Utah Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 2285, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve Boundary Adjustment Act: Senate passed S. 2287, to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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New Mexico Water Planning Assistance Act: Senate passed S. 2460, to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Lake Nighthorse Designation: Senate passed S. 2508, to redesignate the Ridges Basin Reservoir, Colorado, as Lake Nighthorse, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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Chimayo Water Supply System and Espanola Filtration Facility Act: Senate passed S. 2511, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study of a Chimayo water supply system, to provide for the planning, design, and construction of a water supply, reclamation, and filtration facility for Espanola, New Mexico, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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National Heritage Partnership Act: Senate passed S. 2543, to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the United States, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Mount Rainier National Park Boundary Adjustment Act: Senate passed H.R. 265, to provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park, clearing the measure for the President.

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San Gabriel Basin Demonstration Project Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs

of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project, after agreeing to a committee amendment. **Page S9360**

Martin Luther King Land Exchange: Senate passed H.R. 1616, to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9360**

Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve Boundary Revision Act: Senate passed H.R. 3768, to expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9360**

Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement: Senate passed H.R. 2828, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources, after taking action on the following amendment:

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Frist (for Feinstein/Domenici/Bingaman) Amendment No. 3663, in the nature of a substitute.

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Military Construction Appropriations: Pursuant to the order of September 14, 2004, Senate completed consideration of H.R. 4837, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 2674, Senate companion measure, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9242–45**

Adopted:

Hutchison/Feinstein Amendment No. 3660, to direct the Defense Department to assess the impacts on the military family housing program if the family housing privatization limitation is not eliminated.

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Hutchison/Feinstein Amendment No. 3661, to make available additional funds for the Commission on Review of Overseas Military Facility Structure of the United States. **Page S9242**

Subsequently, S. 2674 was returned to the Senate calendar.

Legislative Branch Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 2666, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, on Tuesday, September 21, 2005, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader; that the floor managers' amendment be agreed to and that no other amendments be in order;

that there be one hour for debate; the bill be read a third time and then returned to the Senate calendar; provided further, that the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4755, House companion measure; that the text of the bill relating solely to the House remain; that all other texts be stricken and the text of S. 2666, as amended, be inserted and the Senate then proceed to a vote on the H.R. 4755, as amended.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael J. Harrison, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Francis J. Harvey, of California, to be Secretary of the Army.

Pamela Hughes Patenaude, of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Arden Bement, Jr., of Indiana, to be Director of the National Science Foundation for a term of six years.

J. Michael Seabright, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Francis J. Harvey, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, which was sent to the Senate on November 6, 2003.

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Measures Referred:

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Executive Communications:

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 4:29 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 16, 2004 for a pro forma session. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9361.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE/JUSTICE/ STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS/LABOR/ HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES/ EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 2809) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005;

An original bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005; and

An original bill (S. 2810) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: On September 14, 2004, Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine S. 2066, to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of Commerce for the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act for fiscal years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, after receiving testimony from William T. Hogarth, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Rear Admiral R. Dennis Sirois, Assistant Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Paul L. Kelly, Member, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy; Stephanie Madsen, Chair, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Lee R. Crockett, Marine Fish Conservation Network, Washington, D.C.; Madeleine Hall-Arber, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sea Grant College Program, Cambridge; Terrance J. Quinn, University of Alaska Fairbanks Fisheries Division, Juneau; and Vincent Balzano, Portland, Maine.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recent scientific research concerning the impacts of climate change, focusing on climate projections, rising sea levels, climate warming, human health, water resources in California, reduced snowpack and stream flow, wine grapes, dairy, and changes in vegetation distribution, after receiving testimony from Daniel

R. Cayan, University of California at San Diego Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla; Peter Frumhoff, Union of Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Claudia Tebaldi, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado; and Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. Con. Res. 121, supporting the goals and ideals of the World Year of Physics;

S. 437, to provide for adjustments to the Central Arizona Project in Arizona, to authorize the Gila River Indian Community water rights settlement, to reauthorize and amend the Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act of 1982, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 511, to provide permanent funding for the Payment In Lieu of Taxes program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1614, to designate a portion of White Salmon River as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1678, to provide for the establishment of the Uintah Research and Curatorial Center for Dinosaur National Monument in the States of Colorado and Utah, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1852, to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1876, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and facilities of the Provo River Project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2142, to authorize appropriations for the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route;

S. 2181, to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado, with an amendment;

S. 2334, to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System;

S. 2374, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2408, to adjust the boundaries of the Helena, Lolo, and Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forests in

the State of Montana, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2432, to expand the boundaries of Wilson's Creek Battlefield National Park, with an amendment;

S. 2567, to adjust the boundary of Redwood National Park in the State of California;

S. 2622, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land in the Santa Fe National Forest and certain non-Federal land in the Pecos National Historical Park in the State of New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, with an amendment;

H.R. 1446, to support the efforts of the California Missions Foundation to restore and repair the Spanish colonial and mission-era missions in the State of California and to preserve the artworks and artifacts of these missions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1964, to assist the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania in conserving priority lands and natural resources in the Highlands region, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2010, to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives;

H.R. 3706, to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site; and

H.R. 4516, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program of research and development to

advance high-end computing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, Committee began markup of S. 1354, to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, but did not complete action thereon, and recess subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee began consideration of S. 333, to promote elder justice and the nomination of J. Russell George, of Virginia, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

U.S. ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States efforts to assist the Iraqi people the Iraqi Interim Government, focusing on the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF), national elections in Iraq, security and law enforcement, oil infrastructure and capacity, economic development, debt relief, accelerating Iraqi employment, democracy and governance, and legislative requirements, after receiving testimony from Ronald L. Schlicher, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Iraq, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, and Joseph W. Bowab, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Foreign Assistance Programs and Budget, Bureau of Resource Management, both of the Department of State.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 5079–5103; 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 104–105; and H. Res. 776 were introduced. **Pages H7233–34**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7234–35**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3479, to provide for the control and eradication of the brown tree snake on the island of Guam and the prevention of the introduction of the brown tree snake to other areas of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 108–687, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 4794, to amend the Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Cleanup Act of 2000 to

extend the authorization of appropriations (H. Rept. 108–688, Pt. 1). **Page H7233**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bradley to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H7193**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. L. John Gable, Pastor, Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon, Wisconsin. **Page H7193**

Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY05: The House continued consideration of H.R. 5025, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. The bill

was also considered yesterday, September 14. Consideration will continue during the legislative week of September 20. **Pages H7195–H7210**

Agreed yesterday, September 14, to limit further amendments offered and the time for debate on such amendments.

Agreed to:

Capito amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of September 14) that prohibits the use of funds to use private companies to collect overdue federal taxes; **Pages H7200–03**

Istook amendment that reduces funding for the Federal Buildings Fund; and **Page H7207**

Brown of Ohio amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Council of Economic Advisers to produce an Economic Report of the President regarding the inclusion of employment at a retail fast food restaurant as part of the definition of manufacturing employment. **Pages H7207–08**

Rejected:

Hefley amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of September 13) that sought to reduce total funding in the bill by one percent (by a recorded vote of 69 ayes to 333 noes, Roll No. 455); and **Pages H7199–H7200, H7210**

Moran of Virginia amendment that prohibits the use of funds to carry out, enter into, or renew any contract under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, which provides for a health savings account or a health reimbursement account (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 456). **Pages H7203–07, H7210–11**

Withdrawn:

Gutierrez amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to take any action to enforce the rules submitted by the Comptroller of the Currency relating to banking activities, published at 69 Fed. Reg. 1895 and Fed. Reg. 1904; and **Pages H7196–99**

Butterfield amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit funds to pay administrative expenses to State and local departments of transportation that do not recognize a certification of a disadvantaged business enterprise by any other State. **Page H7199**

H. Res. 770, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to yesterday, September 14.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 17; and further that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, for Morning Hour debate. **Page H7213**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 22. **Page H7213**

Joint Meeting To Receive His Excellency Ayad Allawi, Interim Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq—Order of Business: Agreed that it be in order at any time of Thursday, September 23 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the chair, for the purpose of receiving in Joint Meeting, His Excellency Ayad Allawi, Interim Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq. **Page H7213**

Meeting Hour—Thursday, September 23: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 23. **Page H7213**

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

Expressing the thanks of the House and the Nation for the contributions to freedom made by American POW/MIAs: H. Res. 771, expressing the thanks of the House of Representatives and the Nation for the contributions to freedom made by American POW/MIAs on National POW/MIA Recognition Day. **Pages H7214–17**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7193.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7235.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7210 and H7210–11. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY—REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE HOUSE RESPECTING THE NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported unfavorably H. Res. 745, Of inquiry requesting the President of the United States to provide certain information to the House of Representatives respecting the National Energy Policy Development Group.

FINANCIAL SERVICES ISSUES: A CONSUMER'S PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a

hearing entitled "Financial Services Issues: A Consumer's Perspective." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 480, To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 747 Broadway in Albany, New York, as the "United States Postal Service Henry Johnson Annex;" H.R. 4046, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 West 180th Street in New York, New York, as the "Sergeant Riayan A. Tejada Post Office;" H.R. 4807, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Sacramento Street in Rio Vista, California, as the "Adam G. Kinser Post Office Building," H.R. 4847, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 560 Bay Isles Road in Longboat Key, Florida, as the "Lieutenant General James V. Edmundson Post Office Building;" H.R. 4968, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 McHenry Street in Rosine, Kentucky, as the "Bill Monroe Post Office;" H.R. 5027, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 411 Midway Avenue in Mascotte, Florida, as the "Specialist Eric Ramirez Post Office;" H.R. 5039, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at United States Route 1 in Ridgeway, North Carolina, as the "Eva Holtzman Post Office;" H. Con. Res. 461, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of life insurance, and recognizing and supporting National Life Insurance Awareness Month; H. Con. Res. 464, Honoring the 10 communities selected to receive the 2004 All-American City Award; H. Res. 772, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Week and recognizing the importance the Nation of residents of long-term care facilities, including senior citizens and individuals living with disabilities; H. Res. 761, Congratulating Lance Armstrong on his record-setting victory in the 2004 Tour de France; H. Con. Res. 489, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Preparedness Month; and H. Res. 641, Supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

The Committee also approved a consulting contract.

MAKING NETWORK WORK

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Making Network Work: An Examination of GSA's Continuing Efforts to Create a Modern, Flexible and Affordable Government Wide Telecommunications Program." Testimony was heard from Sandra Bates, Commissioner, Federal Technology Service,

GSA; Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EVOLVING ROLE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing entitled "The Evolving Role of the Federal Chief Financial Officer." Testimony was heard from Linda Springer, Controller, OMB; Virginia McMurtry, Specialist in American National Government, Government and Finance Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

CONQUERING OBESITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled "Conquering Obesity: the U.S. Approach to Combating this National Health Crisis." Testimony was heard from Ed Thompson, M.D., Chief, Public Health Practice, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Eric Bost, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

PLEDGE PROTECTION ACT; POSTAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2028, Pledge Protection Act of 2003; and H.R. 4341, Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 556, congratulating the United States Geological Survey on its 125th Anniversary; H.R. 2941, amended, Colorado River Indian Reservation Boundary Correction Act, H.R. 3207, amended, Manhattan Project National Historical Park Study Act of 2003; H.R. 3210, amended, Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins Water Feasibility Act; H.R. 3258, amended, Hibben Center ACT; H.R. 3982, To direct the Secretary of Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah; H.R. 4066, amended, Chickasaw National Recreation Area Land Exchange Act of 2004; H.R. 4282, Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2004; H.R. 4285, To provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a heliport; H.R. 4389, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California;

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FURTHER PROTECT U.S. AVIATION SYSTEM FROM TERRORIST ATTACKS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action a measure to Further Protect the U.S. Aviation System from Terrorist Attacks.

COMBATING TERRORISM: THE ROLE OF BROADCAST MEDIA

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Combating Terrorism: The Role of Broadcast Media," Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

U.S. INTERESTS OVERSEAS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine how the United States can best utilize the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to advance its political, security and humanitarian interests, after receiving testimony from A. Elizabeth Jones, Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Stephen G. Rademaker, Assistant Secretary for Arms Control, and Michael G. Kozak, Acting Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, all of the Department of State.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, September 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, September 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: The House will not be in session on Thursday, September 16. It will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 17 in pro forma session and at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21 for Morning Hour debate.

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