

Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. **Pages S14417–41**

Prior to this action, by 87 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 446), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the conference report. **Page S14417**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report at 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, November 12, 2003, with 20 minutes of debate prior to a vote on adoption of the conference report. **Page S14458**

Military Construction Appropriations—Conference Report: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following the vote on adoption of the conference report on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act (listed above), on Wednesday, November 12, 2003, Senate will then vote on adoption of the conference report on H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. **Page S14458**

Measures Returned to the Calendar (pursuant to the motion to proceed to H.R. 2861 being agreed to): **Page S14458**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S14450–51**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S14458**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—446) **Pages S14416, S14417**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10:46 a.m., and adjourned at 9:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 12, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14462.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 12 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing to examine ongoing military operations and areas of key concern around the world, 4 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the Financial Accounting Standards Board and small business growth, 2 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending Calendar business, time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine state use of tobacco settlement funds, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 1072, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and the nomination of Rixio Enrique Medina, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Scott J. Bloch, of Kansas, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; to be immediately followed by a hearing on S. 1358, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosure of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, 2 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine judicial and executive nominations, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of 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, 5 p.m., HC–5, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 12

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Wednesday, November 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2861, VA–HUD Appropriations Act. At 12 noon, Senator Byrd will be recognized. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will continue consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act, with 20 minutes of debate prior to a vote on adoption of the conference report; followed by a vote on the adoption of the conference report on H.R. 2559, Military Construction Appropriations Act. At 6 p.m., the Majority Leader will be recognized.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for the Democratic party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: The House will meet in pro forma session.

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