

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

Matters of Interest to the Department of the Air Force
in the Congressional Record of October 7, 2004

Vol: 150 Nos: 126 Date prepared: October 8, 2004

Congressional Action Division (SAF/LLZ)
Ext: 693-9137/693-9135



Legislative Research Team products are available to HAFNET users via the "LL" "Research" button, and to ".mil" addressees on the Internet at www.safll.hq.af.mil via the "Research" hyperlink.

HIGHLIGHTS
OCTOBER 7, 2004

NOMINATION WITHDRAWN: The nomination of Gen Gregory S. Martin, USAF, for reassignment in grade as Commander of Pacific Command was withdrawn. (See next issue)

NOMINATIONS REPORTED: Senate Armed Services Cmte favorably reported several nominations including Francis J. Harvey to be Secretary of the Army, Richard Greco, Jr. to be Asst Sec/Navy for Financial Management; 31 ANG to be 2 & 1-stars (list beginning Brubaker); and 160 Regular AF to be major (list beginning Aase). These nominations will be eligible for full Senate confirmation on October 8 or any day thereafter on which the Senate is in session. (See next issue)

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS: House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R.4837, the FY05 milcon appropriations bill, agreed to a conference thereon and appointed as House conferees Reps Knollenberg, Walsh, Aderholt, Granger, Goode, Vitter, Kingston, Crenshaw, Young (FL), Edwards, Farr, Boyd, Bishop (GA), Dicks, and Obey. (See next issue)

DOD AUTHORIZATION – RULES COMMITTEE: House Rules Cmte granted a rule waiving the two-thirds vote requirement for same day consideration in the House of a conference report expected to be filed on H.R.4200, the FY05 DoD authorization bill. (D1033)

SENATE, OCTOBER 6, 2004 - CONTINUED

NATO: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a-1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the Second Session of the 108th Congress: Senators Grassley, DeWine, Enzi, and Voinovich. (S10606)

SENATE, OCTOBER 6, 2004 - CONTINUED

BELARUS DEMOCRACY ACT: Senate passed H.R. 854, to provide for the promotion of democracy, human rights, and rule of law in the Republic of Belarus and for the consolidation and strengthening of Belarus sovereignty and independence, clearing the measure for the President. (S10612-13) Sen Biden (D-DE) expressed support for the legislation and urged his colleagues to support it as well. Asserted that the President of Belarus, Mr. Alexander Lukashenka, is the last remaining dictator in Europe. Explained that after orchestrating an illegal and unconstitutional referendum in November 1996, enabling him to impose a new constitution, abolish the duly-elected parliament, and install a largely powerless national assembly, he has progressively abolished the previously existing democracy in Belarus. Also noted that the Government of Belarus has made no substantive progress in addressing criteria established in 2000 by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to end repression, permit functioning independent media, ensure transparency of the election process, and strengthen the functions of parliament. (S10612-13)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS—CONFERENCE REPORT: Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4850, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, clearing the measure for the President. (S10609-10) Sen Landrieu (D-LA) noted that this bill totals \$560 million, an increase of \$18.3 million over FY 04. (S10609)

TRIBUTE: Sen Allard (R-CO) paid tribute to Brian Green, who has served as a professional staff member on the SASC and as staff lead for the Subc on Strategic Forces for over 3 years, having previously served for 4 years as a professional staff member on the HASC. Drew attention to his contribution to helping Senators on the Strategic Forces Subc fulfill their responsibilities with respect to oversight of DoD strategic, ballistic missile defense, and military space programs. Said he could personally attest to numerous occasions when Mr. Green provided the needed information and proposals that made the difference in achieving the subcommittee's objectives. Particularly drew attention to his work to promote and protect our Nation's effort to develop and deploy a ballistic missile defense system. Noted that he played a lead role in coordinating the opposition to proposed budget cuts to the program. Also cited some of his achievements as a HASC staffer. Congratulated him and wished him well in his new position, but expressed his disappointment to be losing him to the private sector. (S10560)

APPROPRIATIONS: Sen Campbell (R-CO) expressed support for the conference report accompanying the appropriations bills that have been included in the omnibus package. Noted that the omnibus conference report includes over \$175 million for Colorado. Expressed concern regarding one provision related to Native American land claims, which he said did not support because he only learned two hours ago that it was included in the bill and he did not know the effect it would have on his State. Pointed out that the language was never considered in the committee of jurisdiction nor was it discussed in the conference committee earlier this week. (S10564)

SENATE, OCTOBER 6, 2004 - CONTINUED

TRIBUTE: Sen Allard (R-CO) paid tribute to Gen Ralph E. Eberhart, who will soon be retiring from the Air Force after more than 36 years of service. Noted that he ended his career where he started—in the great State of Colorado. After graduating from the Air Force Academy, he was sworn in as a Second Lieutenant in the Spring 1968. Stated that his service spanned tours of duty in Vietnam, Germany, Japan, and “perhaps the toughest,” at the Pentagon. Drew attention to his awards and decorations and his selection as a triple-hatted commander—Cmdr, NORAD; US Space Command; and Air Force Space Command. Remarked that during his tenure, he successfully led military space into a new era. (S10565)

MILITARY PERSONNEL: Sen Enzi (R-WY), for himself and Sens Clinton (D-NY), Hagel (R-NE), and Schumer (D-NY), introduced and discussed S. 2905, to protect members of the Armed Forces from unscrupulous practices regarding sales of insurance, financial, and investment products. During lengthy explanation of bill, stated that this legislation was targeted at the few who abuse the system and prey upon our military in times when our country needs them the most. No text. (S10578-9)

SENATE, OCTOBER 7, 2004

NOMINATIONS: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the several nominations including 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general as follows: Gen Gregory S. Martin, for reassignment in grade as Commander of Pacific Command. (See Next Issue)

INTELLIGENCE: Sen Frist (R-TN) stated that yesterday the Senate passed very deliberately but expeditiously a bill that represents the most dramatic and significant reform of our intelligence community in half a century. Noted that the Senate addressed nearly all 39 of the 41 recommendations put forth by the 9/11 Commission. Added that the business this morning in the Senate would be the remaining 2 of those recommendations. Congratulated his colleagues for their participation. Said “there is no question that the provisions in the bill we passed yesterday will make our Nation safer, it will improve our intelligence community, and will help us immensely in the war on terrorism. That was reflected by the overwhelming support, with only two Senators voting against the bill yesterday.” (S10615-6)

PRESIDENT: Sen Kennedy (D-MA) suggested that the question Ronald Reagan posed to the American people during a Presidential campaign 24 years ago-- “Are you better off today than you were 4 years ago?”—has even greater relevance today than it did then. Asserted that the defining issue today is our national security. Believed that in the post-9/11 environment, people have a right to paraphrase that question: “Are we safer today because of the policies of President Bush?” Remarked that the answer to that is an emphatic “no.” Counted 13 ways in which he believed “George Bush’s war” had not made America safer. (S10616-17)

SENATE, OCTOBER 7, 2004

INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION: Senate continued consideration of S. Res. 445, to eliminate certain restrictions on service of a Senator on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Adopted: (1) Grassley/Baucus Amendment No. 3989 (to Amendment No. 3981), to clarify the provisions relating to the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security (S10621-22); (2) Chambliss/Kennedy Amendment No. 3994 (to Amendment No. 3981), to clarify the jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (S10625; S10629-30); (3) Durbin Modified Amendment No. 4036 (to Amendment No. 3981), to modify the provisions relating to the staffing and budget of the select Committee (See Next Issue); (4) By 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 202), Leahy Amendment No. 4037 (to Amendment No. 3981), to retain jurisdiction over the Secret Service in the Committee on the Judiciary (See Next Issue); (5) Roberts Amendment No. 4019 (to Amendment No. 3981), to clarify staff provisions (See Next Issue); (6) Roberts Modified Amendment No. 4018 (to Amendment No. 3981), to clarify the nominee referral provisions (See Next Issue); (7) Rockefeller Modified Amendment No. 4030 (to Amendment No. 3981), to clarify the jurisdiction of the select Committee on Intelligence (See Next Issue); (8) Byrd Amendment No. 3986 (to Amendment No. 3981), to provide that the Subcommittee on Intelligence shall have jurisdiction over funding for intelligence matters, as determined by the Senate Committee on Appropriations (See Next Issue); and (9) Shelby/Sarbanes Amendment No. 4038, to retain jurisdiction over the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, with the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (See Next Issue). Rejected: (1) By 23 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 200), McCain Amendment No. 3999 (to Amendment No. 3981), to strike section 402 and vest intelligence appropriations jurisdiction in the Select Committee on Intelligence (See Next Issue); (2) By 33 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 201), McCain Amendment No. 4000 (to Amendment No. 3981), to ensure that the Committee has jurisdiction over the Transportation Security Administration (See Next Issue); and (3) By 36 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 203), Biden/Lugar Amendment No. 4021 (to Amendment No. 3981), to provide that the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Foreign Relations (if not already a member of the select Committee) shall be ex officio members of the select Committee but shall have no vote in the Committee and shall not be counted for purposes of determining a quorum (See Next Issue). The following amdt was withdrawn: Bayh Amendment No. 3995 (to Amendment No. 3981), to eliminate sequential referral. (S10625-29; See Next Issue) Pending are: (1) McConnell/Reid/Frist/Daschle Amendment No. 3981, in the nature of a substitute (S10620-30); and (2) Domenici Amendment No. 4040 (to Amendment No. 3981), to transfer jurisdiction over organization and management of United States nuclear export policy to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (See Next Issue).

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action: Senate adopted and then vitiated the adoption of the Domenici Amendment No. 4040 (to Amendment No. 3981), to transfer jurisdiction over organization and management of United States nuclear export policy to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (See Next Issue) A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that other than conforming and technical managers' amendments, the only remaining first-degree amendments be the following which are filed at the desk: Collins, Nickles, Hutchison, Frist, Bingaman-Domenici, and Rockefeller; provided further, that it be in order to file

SENATE, OCTOBER 7, 2004

INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION (cont)

timely second-degree amendments up until 9:15 a.m. on Friday, October 8, 2004. (See Next Issue) A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution at approximately 9:15 a.m., on Friday, October 8, 2004, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Amendment No. 3981 (listed above). Debate appears at S10620-30; See Next Issue.

During the debate on this bill, Sen Harkin (D-IA) drew attention to the release of the Duelfer report. Stated that that was the person the Bush administration picked to investigate Iraq's weapons programs. And the headlines read that the US was almost all wrong on weapons. Sen Harkin asserted that "99.9 percent of everything that President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Condoleeza Rice, Donald Rumsfeld, and Colin Powell said prior to the war in Iraq and right after it was wrong." Sen Reid (D-NV) noted that there was a recent announcement that 13,000 civilian Iraqis have been killed. Sen Harkin admitted that he did not have all the answers in Iraq, but said he did know one thing: "We will never be able to get out of Iraq and solve that mess with the leadership that has so misled us and the world in the past. We need new leadership with fresh credibility...." Asserted that the situation in Iraq, being bogged down in a quagmire, is reckless...not consistent. "That is ignoring the fact that any military leader will tell you—that when you go into battle, you have a plan. But if the enemy does something different, you have to be able to maneuver." (S10622-3) Sen Gregg (R-NH) responded to his colleague's remarks, which he said were so inconsistent with the facts that he found it difficult not to respond to them. (S10623-4)

Sen Gregg (R-NH) also discussed the FSC/ETI or JOBS bill and explained why he did not sign the conference report. (S10624-5)

ECONOMY: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4520, American Jobs Creation Act, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad, at 9 a.m., on Friday, October 8, 2004; and providing for the filing of a cloture motion on the conference report. (See Next Issue)

NATO: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a-1928d, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the Second Session of the 108th Congress: Senators Leahy and Feinstein. (See Next Issue)

NOMINATIONS: Senate received numerous nominations including routine lists in the Navy. (See Next Issue)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OCTOBER 6, 2004 – CONTINUED

TRIBUTE: By voice vote the House agreed to suspend the rules and passed H.R. 4847, to designate the facility of the US Postal Service located at 560 Bay Isles Road in Longboat Key, FL, as the “Lieutenant General James V. Edmundson Post Office Building.” Rep Duncan (R-TN) described LtGen Edmundson as an American hero and veteran of WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. LtGen Edmundson served 35 years in the US Air Force and his awards include the Bronze Star, the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. (H8271-72)

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS / DISASTER RELIEF: The House passed H.R. 5212, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, for additional disaster assistance relating to storm damage, by yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay” (Roll #501). Rejected the Hensarling amendment that sought to fully offset the cost of the supplemental with a proportional reduction of FY05 discretionary funds once enacted (by a recorded vote of 89 ayes to 321 noes (Roll #500). The bill is cleared for the Senate. Rep Young (R-FL) said the bill is a response to the further devastation inflicted upon Florida. Stated FEMA funds are about to run out and this legislation would provide needed money, but not all that is needed. Said the bill he introduced yesterday, HR 5227, would fulfill all the promises the President made to Floridians. Rep Boyd (D-FL) rose in support of the bill, but also spoke in support of Rep Young’s other bill HR 5227. Said HR 5212 is \$455 million short in covering military related cleanup costs. (H8287-H8311)

TRIBUTE: The House agreed to suspend the rules and passed H. Res. 798, amended, honoring former President James Earl (Jimmy) Carter on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Rep Deal (R-GA) said President Carter worked to make the Federal Government more responsive to the people. Called the Camp David Accord between Israel and Egypt is most significant accomplishment while in office. Praised the President’s humanitarian efforts after leaving office, which lead to him winning the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize. Rep Davis (D-IL) said President Carter’s other accomplishments included establishing full diplomatic relations with China and the SALT II nuclear limitation treaty with the former Soviet Union. Rep Bishop (D-GA) commented that volunteers for President Carter’s Habitat for Humanity project have built thousands of homes for the needy. (H8314-17)

VETERANS: The House agreed to suspend the rules and passed H.R. 4248, the Homeless Veterans Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2004, to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to existing comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans. The bill is cleared for the Senate. Rep Smith (R-NJ) said homelessness is a terrible problem among veterans and a problem the general public is not aware of. Said the bill would continue funding for the VA’s Homeless Grant and Per Diem Program. Pointed out in 2003, 66% of vets discharged from the program moved into either independent housing or residential program housing. Rep Rodriguez (D-TX) explained the bill would make permanent the authority of the Secretary to provide sexual trauma counseling to veterans. (H8382-84)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OCTOBER 6, 2004 – CONTINUED

MILITARY PERSONNEL: The House agreed to suspend the rules and passed H.R. 4658, the Servicemembers Legal Protection Act of 2004, which amends the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to make certain improvements and technical corrections to that Act, otherwise to improve legal protections provided to reserve component members called to active duty. Rep Smith (R-NJ) said this bill strengthens the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act that was passed last year. Explained the bill provides increased lease protections of military dependents as well as protections for vehicle lease terminations. Also, said the bill strengthens protections on job and employment benefits of Guard and Reservists called to active duty. Rep Rodriguez (D-TX) spoke in support of the bill, but expressed his regret that it did not include a provision, introduced by Rep Evans (D-IL and himself, to deliver comprehensive maternity care. Said the VA only provides maternity care in emergencies. Pointed out that women will soon make up 20% of our active duty force. (H8384-90)

TRIBUTE / VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS: The House agreed to suspend the rules and passed H.J. Res. 108, congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Rep Smith (R-NJ) congratulated the VFW on its 105th anniversary. Said over 100 full-time members work directly with veterans on claims for VA benefits and oversee VA programs around the country. (H8390-91)

TRIBUTE / VETERANS: The House agreed to suspend the rules and passed H. Con. Res. 195, expressing the sense of Congress that a minute of silence should be observed annually at 11 a.m. on Veterans Day, November 11, in honor of the veterans of all United States wars and to memorialize those members of the Armed Forces who gave their lives in the defense of the United States. Rep Michaud (D-ME) said this moment of silence would allow all Americans to pause and remember the sacrifices made by our military veterans. (H8391-92)

SUDAN: The House completed debate on H.R. 5061, the Comprehensive Peace in Sudan Act. Further consideration will take place tomorrow, October 7. Rep Tancredo (R-CO) argued, “we have a moral responsibility to react to what is happening in the country of Sudan.” Said the bill imposes targeted sanction, including freezing assets. It also encourages the US representative to the UN to urge member states to cease importing Sudanese oil and impose an arms embargo on Sudan. Rep Payne (D-NJ) said this is the first time we have declared genocide while it was going on and that the US must send a strong signal to Sudan and other “would-be architects of genocide” that this will not be tolerated. (H8393-98)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OCTOBER 7, 2004

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS / CONFERENCE: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and agreed to a conference. Agreed to the Sabo motion to instruct conferees on the bill, by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 16 nays (Roll #502). Appointed as conferees: Representative Rogers (KY), Young (FL), Wolf, Wamp, Latham, Emerson, Granger, Sweeney, Sherwood, Sabo, Price, Serrano, Roybal-Allard, Berry, Mollohan, and Obey. (See next issue.)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OCTOBER 7, 2004

SUDAN: The House agreed to suspend the rules and passed H.R. 5061, the Comprehensive Peace in Sudan Act, to provide assistance for the current crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan and to facilitate a comprehensive peace in Sudan, by a \2/3\ yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 3 nays (Roll #508). (See next issue.)

AMERICAN JOBS CREATION ACT / CONFERENCE REPORT: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad, by a yea-and-nay vote of 280 yeas to 141 nays (Roll #509). Cleared for the Senate. The conference report appears on pages H8411-640. (See next issue.)

9/11 COMMISSION: The House began consideration of H.R. 10, the 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act, to provide for reform of the intelligence community, terrorism prevention and prosecution, border security, and international cooperation and coordination. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, October 8. (See next issue.)

Agreed to: The Simmons amendment that seeks to express the sense of Congress that the new National Intelligence Director should establish an Open Source Intelligence Center; and the Souder amendment that directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to ensure that all appropriate personnel engaged in security screening of individuals have access to law enforcement and intelligence information maintained by DHS (by a recorded vote of 410 ayes with none voting “no” (Roll #511). (See next issue.)

Rejected: The Menendez amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to merge two bills endorsed by the 9/11 Commission (by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 213 noes (Roll #510). (See next issue.)

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Read a letter from Rep Cantor (R-VA) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Government Reform effective immediately. The House than agreed to H. Res. 835, electing Rep Putnam (R-FL) to the Committee on Government Reform. (See next issue.)

MILCON APPROPRIATIONS / CONFERENCE: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to 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, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Knollenberg, Walsh, Aderholt, Granger, Goode, Vitter, Kingston, Crenshaw, Young (FL), Edwards, Farr, Boyd, Bishop (GA), Dicks, and Obey. (See next issue.)

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS, OCTOBER 7, 2004

No Extensions in this issue

MEASURES REPORTED, OCTOBER 7, 2004

No measures of interest reported

BILLS INTRODUCED, OCTOBER 7, 2004

See next issue

BILLS INTRODUCED, OCTOBER 6, 2004

SENATE

By Mr ENZI

S. 2905. A bill to protect members of the Armed Forces from unscrupulous practices regarding sales of insurance, financial, and investment products; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

HOUSE

By Mr C. W. BILL YOUNG

H.R. 5227. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, for additional disaster assistance relating to natural disasters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget

By Mr BACA

H.R. 5229. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to provide for automatic eligibility for free school lunch and breakfast programs to children of parents who are enlisted members of the Armed Forces on active duty; to Education

By Mr CHRIS SMITH (NJ)

H.R. 5239. A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve educational benefits for members of the Selected Reserve, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

By Mr NEY

H. Res. 824. A resolution relating to early organization of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Ninth Congress; considered and agreed to

By Ms DeGETTE

H. Res. 826. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Pasqualine J. Gibbons of Denver, Colorado, an African American woman who valiantly served her country in the Army Air Corps during World War II, was unfairly passed over for promotion and should have held the grade of technical sergeant, rather than private first class, upon her discharge from the service on January 2, 1946; to Armed Services

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, OCTOBER 7, 2004

SENATE

NOMINATIONS REPORTED

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Francis J. Harvey, of California, to be Secretary of the Army, and Richard Greco, Jr., of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management, and 685 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS, OCTOBER 7, 2004

HOUSE

RULES – DOD AUTHORIZATION CONFERENCE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of October 8, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill ([H.R. 4200](#)) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of October 8, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report accompany the bill ([H.R. 4837](#)) making appropriations for military construction

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, OCTOBER 7, 2004

See next issue

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, OCTOBER 6, 2004

SENATE

10088. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting requests for an emergency FY 2004 supplemental appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, the Interior, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs; as well as the Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, and International Assistance Programs; (H. Doc. No. 108-218); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.
