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I. WEEKLY SUMMARY

CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE

House

This week, the House has scheduled no activities of interest.

Senate

This week, the Senate has scheduled no activities of interest.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES/VOTES

H.R. 6 – Energy Policy Act of 2003 Pete Domenici (R/NM), conference committee chair has indicated that he will try to conduct a conference committee meeting later this week. He issued a press release on October 9 with the following statement, “I hope that a conference committee meeting can occur next week and am working toward that objective.” However, several major titles still need to be resolved in order to prepare a new draft for presentation to the conference committee for discussion and a vote. Those titles include (1) electricity, (2) tax incentives, (3) ethanol, and (4) Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Last week, a spokesperson for Senator Domenici revealed that the Senator would not be opposed to continuing work on the bill into early next year if agreement could not be reached on all titles to achieve a comprehensive energy bill. However, House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R/IL), House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R/TX), and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R/TN) expressed their strong desire to complete work on the bill this calendar year in order to present a bill to the President before Congress adjourns for the year.

H.R. 2559/S. 357 – FY 2004 Appropriations for Military Construction This bill is currently in a conference and may be acted on this week or be included in an omnibus appropriations bill if the House and Senate cannot reconcile their differences.

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FY 2004 APPROPRIATIONS

Status Last week, the Republican leadership reportedly met for initial discussions on the need for an “omnibus” bill for FY 2004 appropriations as well as enacting a second continuing resolution through November 7 to prepare for a potential omnibus bill. To date, three of the 13 annual appropriations bills have been signed into law (Defense, Homeland Security, and Legislative Branch). The House has passed all 13 bills; the Senate has passed seven (see chart below). Currently the 10 bills that have not been enacted into law are operating under a continuing resolution (*H.J. Res. 108-69*), which allows programs under the jurisdiction of the 10 bills to operate at FY 2003 funding levels through October 31, 2003.

While no official schedule has been announced, the Senate may debate and vote on the following appropriations bills this week:

- *S. 1424 – FY 2004 Appropriations for Energy and Water Development*
- *S. 1391 – FY 2004 Appropriations for Interior and Related Agencies*

S. 1689 – FY 2003 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations The House may vote on their version of the bill on October 16 and the Senate may vote on October 17. The Administration is pressing for passage of the President’s \$87 billion request to support the war on terrorism and some additional minor funding for construction and renovation of military facilities.

II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

HOUSE

Legislation

No new legislative initiatives of interest to report.

Summary of Hearings

No new hearings, mark ups or votes of interest to report.

SENATE

Legislation

Since the Senate was in recess last week, there are no new legislative initiatives of interest to report.

Summary of Hearings

No new hearings, mark ups or votes of interest to report.

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III. STATUS OF FY 2004 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

(In Millions)

HOUSE

SENATE

Jurisdiction/ FY 2004 Budget Request	302(b) Allocations/ Approved Funding Level	Bill No.	Full Cmte. Mark Up	Floor Vote	Vote on Conf Rpt.	302(b) Allocatio ns/Approv ed Funding Level (New)	Bill No.	Full Cmte. Mark Up	Floor Vote	Vote on Conf. Rpt.
Agriculture \$17,141	\$17,005	<i>H.R.</i> <i>2673</i>	6/25	7/14		\$17,005	<i>S.</i> <i>1427</i>	7/17		
Commerce \$37,685	\$37,914	<i>H.R.</i> <i>2799</i>	7/16	7/23		\$37,014	<i>S.</i> <i>1585</i>	9/4		
Defense \$371,698 <i>P.L. 108-86</i>	\$368,662	<i>H.R.</i> <i>2658</i>	6/26	7/8	9/24	\$368,662	<i>S.</i> <i>1382</i>	7/9	7/17	9/25
Energy and Water Development \$26,946	\$27,080	<i>H.R.</i> <i>2754</i>	7/15	7/18		\$27,313	<i>S.</i> <i>1424</i>	7/17	9/16	
Homeland Security \$27,481 <i>P.L. 108-</i>	\$28,521	<i>H.R.</i> <i>2555</i>	6/17	6/24	9/24	\$28,521	<i>H.R.</i> <i>2555</i>	7/10	7/24	9/24
Interior \$19,552	\$19,627	<i>H.R.</i> <i>2691</i>	6/25	7/17		\$19,627	<i>S.</i> <i>1391</i>	7/10	9/23	
Labor / HHS \$137,990	\$138,046	<i>H.R.</i> <i>2660</i>	6/25	7/10		\$137,601	<i>S.</i> <i>1356</i>	6/26	9/10	
Military Construction \$9,237	\$9,196	<i>H.R.</i> <i>2559</i>	6/17	6/26		\$9,196	<i>S.</i> <i>1357</i>	6/26	7/11	
Transportation and Treasury \$27,802	\$27,502	<i>H.R.</i> <i>2989</i>	7/24	9/9		\$27,502	<i>S.</i> <i>1589.</i>	9/4		
VA/HUD \$89,434	\$90,034	<i>H.R.</i> <i>2861</i>	7/21	7/25		\$90,034	<i>S.</i> <i>1584</i>	9/4		

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IV. NEW LEGISLATION

(Note: Once a new bill is introduced, the Government Printing Office generally requires from several days to one week to make the bill available in print)

HOUSE

No new bills of interest to report.

SENATE

No new bills of interest to report.

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V. ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES

No new initiatives of interest to report.

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VI. HEARINGS SCHEDULE

HOUSE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

No new activities of interest have been scheduled.

HOUSE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

No new activities of interest have been scheduled.

SENATE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

No new activities of interest have been scheduled.

SENATE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

No new activities of interest have been scheduled.

HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NEGOTIATIONS AND FLOOR VOTES

Date and Action Item	Topic	Location
<i>October 14</i> – Senate Consideration	<i>S. 139 – Climate Steward Act of 2003</i> (Directs Department of Commerce to conduct study of technology transfer barriers, best practices, and outcomes of technology transfer activities at Federal laboratories related to licensing and commercialization of energy efficient technologies)	TBA Capitol Building
<i>Week of October 13</i> – Conference Committee Negotiations	<i>H.R. 2559/S. 357 – FY 2004 Appropriations for Military Construction</i>	TBA Capitol Building
<i>Week of October 13</i> – Conference Committee Negotiations	<i>H.R. 6 – Energy Policy Act of 2003</i>	TBA Capitol Building

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