



The Ehlers e-Newsletter

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to Congress' annual August recess, the next issue of *The Ehlers e-Newsletter* will not be published until the week of September 6. We hope you enjoy the rest of the summer.

News from Congressman Ehlers ...

EHLERS CALLS 9/11 COMMISSION REPORT 'INSTRUCTIVE' – Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids, issued the following statement in response to the release of the final report of the 9/11 Commission, which investigated the issues and events surrounding the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against the United States: “The terrorist attacks on our nation on Sept. 11, 2001, were tragedies unlike anything our nation has ever suffered. We all continue to grieve with the victims and their families and we are committed to do what we can to ensure that such events do not occur again in the future.

To read Congressman Ehlers' complete statement, please visit our website at: http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03_ehlers/072204Commission911.html

EHLERS CALLS ON SCIENTISTS TO ENGAGE IN PUBLIC SERVICE -

Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers presented testimony to the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Ensuring the Best Science and Technology Presidential and Federal Advisory Committee Appointments, which held a hearing on the issue of the Appointment of Scientists to Presidential and Federal Advisory Committees.

To read Congressman Ehlers' complete testimony, please visit our website at: http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03_ehlers/072104NASTestimony.html

THIS WEEK IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The U.S. House of Representatives is in recess until September 7, 2004.

Historical Tidbits

On July 26 ...

1775 - A postal system was established by the 2nd Continental Congress of the United States. The first Postmaster General was Benjamin Franklin.

1908 - U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte issued an order that created an investigative agency that was a forerunner of the FBI.

1947 - U.S. President Truman signed The National Security Act. The act created The National Security Council, the Department of Defense, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

1948 - U.S. President Truman signed executive orders that prohibited discrimination in the U.S. armed forces and federal employment.

On July 27 ...

1789 - The Department of Foreign Affairs was established by the U.S. Congress. The agency was later known as the Department of State.

1965 - In the U.S., the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act was signed into law. The law required health warnings on all cigarette packages.

1974 - The U.S. Congress asked for impeachment procedures against President Richard Nixon.

1995 - The Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington, DC, by U.S. President Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam.

On July 28 ...

1866 - The metric system was legalized by the U.S. Congress for the standardization of weights and measures throughout the United States.

1868 - The Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was declared in effect. The amendment guaranteed due process of law.

On July 29 ...

1958 - The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was authorized by the U.S. Congress.

On July 30 ...

1619 - The first representative assembly in America convened in Jamestown, VA. (House of Burgesses)

1942 - The WAVES were created by legislation signed by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The members of the Women's Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service were a part of the U.S. Navy.

1956 - The phrase "In God We Trust" was adopted as the U.S. national motto.

1965 - U.S. President Johnson signed into law Social Security Act that established Medicare and Medicaid. It went into effect the following year.

1974 - The U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee voted to impeach President Nixon for blocking the Watergate investigation and for abuse of power.

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