

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FOOD SAFETY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain measures the Food Safety and Inspection Service and Food and Drug Administration are taking to improve food safety, modernize regulations, and utilize resources, in order to achieve the greatest possible reduction in the risk of microbial contamination and foodborne illness and maintain consumer confidence, after receiving testimony from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Joseph A. Levitt, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, and Stephen M. Ostroff, Associate Director for Epidemiologic Science, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Lawrence J. Dyckman, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Michael P. Doyle, University of Georgia Center for Food Safety and Quality Enhancement, Griffin, on behalf of the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology; Dane Bernard, National Food Processors Association, Gary M. Weber, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Caroline Smith DeWaal, Center for Science in the Public Interest, and Richard Levinson, American Public Health Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Donna M. Garren, United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Ann Hollingsworth, American Meat Science Association, Carrollton, Georgia, on behalf of the American Meat Institute.

ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine the national and global problem of antimicrobial resistance, after receiving testimony from Jane E. Henney, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, and Jeffrey P. Koplan, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; F. E. Thompson, Jr., Mississippi Department of Health, Jackson, on behalf of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials; Merle A. Sande, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City; Alice M. Clark, University of Mississippi National Center for the Development of Natural Products, University; Mark L. Nelson, Paratek Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts; and Martin

Rosenberg, Smithkline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3059, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require motor vehicle manufacturers and motor vehicle equipment manufacturers to obtain information and maintain records about potential safety defects in their foreign products that may affect the safety of vehicles and equipment in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2454, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize low-power television stations to provide digital data services to subscribers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2070, to improve safety standards for child restraints in motor vehicles, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1941, to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance to fire departments and fire prevention organizations for the purpose of protecting the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2029, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit telemarketers from interfering with the caller identification service of any person to whom a telephone solicitation is made, with amendments;

S. Res. 344, expressing the sense of the Senate that the proposed merger of United Airlines and US Airways is inconsistent with the public interest and public convenience and necessity policy set forth in section 40101 of title 49, United States Code;

S. 876, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require that the broadcast of violent video programming be limited to hours when children are not reasonably likely to comprise a substantial portion of the audience, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of David Z. Plavin, of New York, and Arthenia L. Joyner, of Florida, each to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council, Sue Bailey, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and certain promotion lists in the United States Coast Guard, all of the Department of Transportation.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 2951, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River, with amendments;

S. 1756, to enhance the ability of the National Laboratories to meet Department of Energy missions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2919, to promote preservation and public awareness of the history of the Underground Railroad by providing financial assistance, to the Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio;

H.R. 3236, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Utah, to use Weber Basin Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, and industrial purposes;

S. 1848, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2400, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, with an amendment;

S. 2594, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, diverting, and carriage of nonproject water for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, with an amendment;

H.R. 1680, to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service property in Kern County, California, in exchange for county lands suitable for inclusion in Sequoia National Forest, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2111, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey for fair market value 1.06 acres of land in the San Bernardino National Forest, California, to KATY 101.3 FM, a California corporation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2547, to provide for the establishment of the Great Sand Dunes National Park and the Great Sand Dunes National Preserve in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2301, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Lakehaven water reclamation project for the reclamation and

reuse of water, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2163, to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, and industrial purposes;

S. 1697, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to refund certain collections received pursuant to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2195, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Truckee watershed reclamation project for the reclamation and reuse of water, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2350, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to certain water rights to Duchesne City, Utah, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2877, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on water optimization in the Burnt River basin, Malheur River basin, Owyhee River basin, and Powder River basin, Oregon, with an amendment;

S. 2882, to authorize Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies to augment water supplies for the Klamath Project, Oregon and California, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 3023, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey property to the Greater Yuma Port Authority of Yuma County, Arizona, for use as an international port of entry;

S. 2757, to provide for the transfer or other disposition of certain lands at Melrose Air Force Range, New Mexico, and Yakima Training Center, Washington, with amendments;

H.R. 4579, to provide for the exchange of certain lands within the State of Utah;

H.R. 4063, to establish the Rosie the Riveter-World War II Home Front National Historical Park in the State of California, with amendments;

S. 2331, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to recalculate the franchise fee owed by Fort Sumter Tours, Inc., a concessioner providing service to Fort

Sumter National Monument, South Carolina, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2345, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study concerning the preservation and public use of sites associated with Harriet Tubman located in Auburn, New York, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4115, to authorize appropriations for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum;

S. 2848, to provide for a land exchange to benefit the Pecos National Historical Park in New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H. Con. Res. 89, recognizing the Hermann Monument and Hermann Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, as a national symbol of the contributions of Americans of German heritage;

H.R. 3084, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contribute funds for the establishment of an interpretative center on the life and contributions of President Abraham Lincoln, with an amendment;

S. 2749, to establish the California Trail Interpretive Center in Elko, Nevada, to facilitate the interpretation of the history of development and use of trails in the setting of the western portion of the United States;

S. 2885, to establish the Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission, with an amendment;

S. 2950, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Sand Creek Massacre Historic Site in the State of Colorado, with amendments;

S. 2959, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992, with an amendment;

S. 3000, to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1969, to provide for improved management of, and increases accountability for, outfitted activities by which the public gains access to and occupancy and use of Federal land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2873, to provide for all right, title, and interest in and to certain property in Washington County, Utah, to be vested in the United States;

S. 1331, to give Lincoln County, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair market value certain public land in the county, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4275, to establish the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness;

S. 2691, to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon, with an amendment;

S. 2977, to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles;

S. 2942, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of West Virginia;

S. 2865, to designate certain land of the National Forest System located in the State of Virginia as wilderness;

H.R. 4285, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites for National Forest System lands in the State of Texas, to convey certain National Forest System land to the New Waverly Gulf Coast Trades Center;

H.R. 3577, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho; and

S. 3022, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee began markup of S. 1093, to establish the Galisteo Basin Archaeological Protection Sites, to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin of New Mexico, H.R. 3676, to establish the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument in the State of California, and H.R. 359, to clarify the intent of Congress in Public Law 93-632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance and operation of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wilderness area was designated in that Public Law, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

EVERGLADES WATER QUALITY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded hearings to examine the role of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan to improve the quality, quantity, timing, and distribution of water in the South Florida ecosystem, after receiving testimony from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; and David B. Struhs, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee.

VIOLENCE IN THE MEDIA

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the antitrust implications of entertainment industry self-regulation, and the constitutionality of government action to assist the entertainment industry in limiting the exposure of youth to explicit sex, violence, and other harmful material in music, movies, and video games, receiving testimony from Senator Brownback; and Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2829, to provide for an investigation and audit at the Department of Education, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2341, to authorize appropriations for part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to achieve full funding for part B of that Act by 2010;

S. Con. Res. 135, recognizing the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975;

S. 2725, to provide for a system of sanctuaries for chimpanzees that have been designated as being no longer needed in research conducted or supported by the Public Health Service;

S. 1495, to establish, wherever feasible, guidelines, recommendations, and regulations that promote the regulatory acceptance of new and revised toxicological tests that protect human and animal health and the environment while reducing, refining, or replacing animal tests and ensuring human safety and product effectiveness, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2731, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to enhance the Nation's capacity to address public health threats and emergencies, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Mark D. Gearan, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Leslie Beth Kramerich, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Seymour Martin Lipset, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, and Mark S. Wrighton, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 5217–5235 and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 583–585 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

Conference report on H.R. 4919, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries (H. Rept. 106–868); and

H.R. 3067, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District, amended (H. Rept. 106–870);

S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir (H. Rept. 106–871);

H.R. 3100, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit telemarketers from interfering with the caller identification service of any person to whom a telephone solicitation is made, amended (H. Rept. 106–872);

H. Res. 583, waiving points of order against a motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 940, to establish the Lackawanna Heritage Valley American Heritage Area (H. Rept. 106–873);

H. Res. 584, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4919, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries (H. Rept. 106–874); and

H. Res. 585, providing for consideration of H.R. 5109, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the personnel system of the Veterans Health Administration (H. Rept. 106–875). **Page H7931**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Cooksey to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Small Business Competition Preservation Act: The House passed H.R. 4945, to amend the Small Business Act to strengthen existing protections for