

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FARM BILL

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the progress the Department of Agriculture has made in implementing the research provisions of the 1996 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act and the 1998 Agricultural Research, Extension and Education Reform Act, in preparation for the 2002 Farm Bill, after receiving testimony from, Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, Floyd P. Horn, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, and Victor L. Lechtenber, Chair, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, all of the Department of Agriculture; Jon Caspers, Swaledale, Iowa, on behalf of the National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research; Jay Lemmermen, Southeast Milk, Inc., Ocala, Florida, on behalf of the Animal Agriculture Coalition; Richard E. Stuckey, Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, and Frederick L. Kirschenmann, Iowa State University Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, both of Ames, Iowa; G. Philip Robertson, Michigan State University W. K. Kellogg Biological Station, Hickory Corners, on behalf of the National Research Council; and David Chicoine, University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Urbana, and Bobby R. Phills, Florida A & M University College of Engineering Sciences, Technology and Agriculture, Tallahassee, both on behalf of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: MILITARY STRATEGY AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements, after receiving testimony from Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command; and Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, USA, Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command and Commander, U.S. Forces Korea.

### INFORMATION WARFARE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities met in closed session to receive a briefing on information warfare and other threats to critical United States information systems.

### WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water held hearings to examine environmental issues related to water and wastewater infrastructure needs, such as building and maintaining the facilities, in order to deliver safe drinking water and to treat wastewater, receiving testimony from Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; J. R. Sandoval, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Boise; David B. Struhs, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee; Harry T. Stewart, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Concord; Allen Biaggi, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City; Mayor Bruce Tobey, Gloucester, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National League of Cities and Water Infrastructure Network; Janice A. Beecher, Beecher Policy Research, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of the H2O Coalition; and Paul D. Schwartz, Clean Water Action, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### LONG-TERM CARE AFFORDABILITY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings on proposed legislation that would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term care needs, receiving testimony from Carol V. O'Shaughnessy, Specialist in Social Legislation, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Care Issues, General Accounting Office; Steven Lutzky, District of Columbia Department of Health/Office on Disabilities and Aging, Washington, D.C.; Gail Gibson Hunt, National Alliance for Caregiving, Bethesda, Maryland; Lisa Maria B. Alecxih, Lewin Group, Inc., Falls Church, Virginia; and Bill Kays, Vienna, Virginia, on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Grant S. Green, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Management.

Also, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of William Howard Taft, IV, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TERRORISM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings to examine domestic response capabilities for terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. James Clapper, Jr., USAF (Ret.), Advisory Panel to Assess Domestic Response Capabilities for Terrorism Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction; Anthony H. Cordesman, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Yonah Alexander,

Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, Arlington, Virginia.

### EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings to examine and compare early childhood education and care in the United States and abroad, including all arrangements providing care and education for children under compulsory school age regardless of setting, funding, hours, or curriculum, after receiving testimony from Sheila B. Kamerman, Columbia University School of Social Work/Institute for Child and Family Policy, and Shanny Peer, French-American Foundation, both of New York, New York; Patricia P. Olmsted, High/Scope Educational Research Foundation, Ypsilanti, Michigan; and Kathi J. Apgar, Bristol Family Center, Bristol, Vermont, on behalf of the Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 47 public bills, H.R. 1211–1257; 2 private bills, H.R. 1258, H. Res 103; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 84–88 and H. Res. 101–102, were introduced. **Pages H1187–90**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the marriage penalty by providing for adjustments to the standard deduction, 15-percent rate bracket, and earned income credit and to allow the nonrefundable personal credits against regular and minimum tax liability, amended (H. Rept. 107–29); and

H. Res. 100, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 83, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2011 (H. Rept. 107–30).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:46 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1125**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Veterans' Opportunities Act:* H.R. 801, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of educational assistance, to expand

programs of transition assistance and outreach to departing servicemembers, veterans, and dependents, to increase burial benefits, to provide for family coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (passed by a ye and nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 63); and

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*Veterans' Hospital Emergency Repair:* H.R. 811, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers (passed by a ye and nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 64).

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**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

*Corporation for Public Broadcasting:* Message wherein he transmitted the report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting covering calendar year 2000—referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; and

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*National Emergency re Angola:* Message wherein he transmitted the six month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the National Union for the total Independence of Angola (UNITA)—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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