

ELECTION REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine election reform issues, focusing on solutions to the problems of our existing national voting system and restoring the public's confidence in our election system, after receiving testimony from Representative Jackson-Lee; Arizona Secretary of State Betsey Bayless, Phoenix; Maryland Secretary of State John T. Willis, Annapolis; Robert H. Michel, Hogan and Hartson, and Bill Richardson, former Secretary of Energy, both of Washington, D.C., both on behalf of the National Commission on Federal Election Reform; and Stephen Ansolabehere, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Political Science, Cambridge, on behalf of the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project.

INTERIOR BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Gale A. Norton, Secretary, and John Trezise, Director, Office of the Budget, both of the Department of the Interior.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, focusing on the National Fire Plan, Agency infrastructure, accountability, and administrative operations, after receiving testimony from Dale N. Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Prop-

erty, and Nuclear Safety concluded oversight hearings on the funding and activities of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to ensure the protection of public health and safety, the common defense and security, and the environment in the application of nuclear technology for civilian use, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Meserve, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, who was accompanied by several of his associates; Gary L. Jones, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office; Joe F. Colvin, Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington, D.C.; David A. Lochbaum, Union of Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Oliver D. Kingsley, Jr., Exelon Generation Company, Downers Grove, Illinois; and Steven M. Fetter, Fitch, Inc., New York, New York.

PEDIATRIC PHARMACEUTICAL STUDIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of the Pediatric Exclusivity provision of the Better Pharmaceuticals for Children Act, which grants a pharmaceutical company an additional six months of market exclusivity for new or marketed drugs in exchange for conducting pediatric studies requested by the Food and Drug Administration, after receiving testimony from Senator DeWine; Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Janet Heinrich, Director, Health Care-Public Health Issues, General Accounting Office; Paul Glaser, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation, Santa Monica, California; Robert Ward, University of Utah Medical School, Salt Lake City, on behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Stephen P. Spielberg, Janssen Research Foundation, Titusville, New Jersey, on behalf of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America; and John D. Golenski, RxHealth Value, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 1745–1767; 1 private bill, H.R. 1768; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 128–130 and H. Res. 137, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 134, providing for recommittal of the conference report to accompany 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. 107–58);

H. Res. 135, providing for consideration of H.R. 581, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use funds appropriated for wildland fire management in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to reimburse the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to facilitate the interagency cooperation required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 in connection with wildland fire management (H. Rept. 107-59);

Conference report on 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. 107-60); and

H. Res. 136, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany 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. 107-61).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Issa to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1931**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Thomas A. Kuhn, Church of the Incarnation, Dayton, Ohio. **Page H1936**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:04 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1936**

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

50th Anniversary of the National Science Foundation: H. Con. Res. 108, honoring the National Science Foundation for 50 years of service to the Nation; and **Pages H1938-43, H1950**

20th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service: H. Con. Res. 74, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 20th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. **Pages H1943-44**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H1944**

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Ballenger, Dreier, Stenholm, Barton of Texas, Filner, Lewis of Kentucky, Manzullo, Granger, Reyes and Thompson

of California. Chairman Kolbe was previously appointed on March 28, 2001. **Page H1944**

Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Jeffery S. Blair of Albuquerque, New Mexico to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics for a four year term. **Pages H1944-45**

Recommittal of Budget Conference Report: The House agreed to H. Res. 134, providing for recommittal of the conference report to accompany 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 by a yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 101.

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Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 131, the rule that waived a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 100.

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Quorum Calls Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H1950-51 and H1956. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education held a hearing on Health Resources and Services Administration. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth M.J. Duke, Acting Administrator, Health and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Consumer Product Safety, the Community Development Financial Institutions, the Selective Services System the Office of Inspector General and the FDIC. Testimony was heard from Ann Brown, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Jeffery C. Berg, Acting Director, Community Development Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; Gil Coronado, Acting Director, Selective